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Selection seen as vote-winner

Major goes into battle over schools

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND JOHN O'LEARY

JOHN MAJOR will today put education at the heart of the general election battle when he embraces the expansion of selection into a wide range of state secondary schools.

The Prime Minister has already spelt out his desire to see many more of the country's 1,100 grant-maintained schools apply for the right to introduce selection. Now he hopes that church, local authority comprehensives and specialist schools will be encouraged by Gillian Shephard's proposals to allow schools to select 15 per cent of their pupils without seeking government approval.

Mr Major will tell the Social Market Foundation in London: "We've created a spectrum of schools. A spectrum that reflects the fact that every child is different. Grant-maintained schools, specialist schools, church schools, city technology colleges, and grammar schools.

We are currently considering how to increase that rich variety with more selective ... selective schools represent an important part of the rich spectrum of schools which has become one of the great legacies of the Government's education policies."

Earlier this month, The Times disclosed that the Downing Street policy unit was studying plans to set up privately-funded grammar schools in every large town.

Today's speech will make plain that he wants the principle of selection extended to a wide range of state schools.

Mr Major is, however, determined to avoid a return to the grammar-secondary modern divide where four out of five pupils were condemned to low-status institutions with no hope of improvement. He appears to want to recast policy to allow more schools to select enough for a "fast stream" that will bring a general raising of standards.

Mr Major's latest foray into the education debate reflects a belief that a revival of the grammar school tradition is a potential vote-winner and a way to throw Tony Blair on the defensive in the wake of the Harriet Harman affair. Ms Harman infuriated Labour MPs by deciding to send her son to a state grammar school several miles from her home, but Tory policy-makers have noted that she also attracted a great of parental

has been softening its hostility to grant-maintained schools -Mr Blair sends his son to one and to grammar schools. The policy of abolishing the remaining 161 grammar schools has been replaced by one of allowing parents to

Mr Major's remarks today will be seen as paving the way for a stronger Tory commit-

ment to grammar schools, but Number 10's enthusiasm for a revival of the selection is causing tensions with Mrs Shephard's Education Department. Mrs Shephard has stated her opposition to a wholesale return to the 11-

Grant-maintained schools have shown a marked reluctance to embrace the grammar school ethos, despite encouragement from Mr Major last autumn. Only two comprehensives have returned to their fully selective roots after leaving local authority control and another has applied to Mrs Shephard for permission to follow suit, but officials at the Grant Maintained Schools Centre said there was little evidence of pent-up demand from comprehensives to become grammar schools.

More schools have, however, taken the opportunity to become partially selective. Five have been allowed to choose half their pupils on academic ability and another stream in an otherwise comprehensive intake.

Today's speech is intended to highlight the Tory election theme of choice and opportunity. It comes on the day the Cabinet meets in political session to plan summer campaigning and to prepare for the crucial central council meeting at Harrogate at the end of next week.



Michael Swain was operated on yesterday after his desperate fight to keep off a seven-stone dog

Boy scarred for life in attack by Cruft's bull-mastiff

By Paul Wilkinson and Michael Horsnell

A BOY of eight has been scarred for life after being attacked by a neighbour's bull-mastiff.
The pedigree dog, which had won awards and competed at Cruft's, was later destroyed at its

Michael Swain suffered serious head injuries as he collected a football from the house next door in Bradford, West Yorkshire. As the owner opened the door the dog, which weighed about seven stone, burst out and seized the child by the head.

Plastic surgeons at Bradford Royal Infirmary carried out a 90-minute operation yesterday to stitch up both Michael's cheeks and left lower eye-lid, but they believe he will be permanently marked. His condition was said to be comfortable. His family believe that the boy's spectacles prevented the dog's teeth from

Caspar, the six-year-old dog whose pedigree name was Marquis of Manville, had previously attacked Michael's mother, Sonya. It bit her on the leg three years ago, shortly after its owners moved in next door. She needed hospital treatment but did not report the incident because she did not want to upset her

new neighbours.

Mrs Swain, 35, who spent the night at her son's bedside, said yesterday: "The bandages were keeping his face together. He said he saw the dog coming towards him out of the door. He turned to run away but the dog jumped on his back and dragged him down. He rolled over to kick and punch the dog off but it sank its fangs into his face.

"The owner's wife was tearing the fur off its back to get him off and Michael managed to stagger back into our drive. He has been in a lot of pain but he is being very brave. He managed to joke before going into surgery.

Before the attack, Michael had been playing ccer with his brother Joseph, five, in the drive of the family's semi-detached house. The dog's owner, Tony Oxley, saw them kick the ball over his fence and waved from his window for Michael to collect it. But when he opened his door to speak to him the dog leapt on the child. Michael's father, Graham, 37, heard Joseph

screaming. He said: "I realised straight away it was the dog. I rushed outside but couldn't see anything at first, but then I saw Michael on the ground. When I lifted him up the skin from his Continued on page 2, col 4

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Lloyd's names secure £200m

More than i,000 Lloyd's names, including lan Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, celebrated "a notable victory" that should secure up to £200 million in damages in their High Court battle to recover multimillion pound losses on the catastrophe reinsurance market. A judge ruled that members of Rose Thomson Young, the syndi-cate worst hit by the Piper Alpha North Sea oil platform disaster, were entitled to dam-

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Taiwan fears Peking murder plot to throw poll into chaos

FROM DAVID WATTS AND JONATHAN MIRSKY IN TAIPEI

TAIWAN'S security services fear a Chinese plot to assassinate a candidate in Saturday's presidential elections and have surrounded each one with bodyguards.

According to a senior gov-ernment official, Taipei has received information that seven mainland operatives travel-ling via the United States are on their way to Taipei to kill one of the candidates. Under Taiwan's electoral law, the death of a candidate in a presidential race would abort the election, thus producing political chaos.

Such an event would provide Peking with proof that democratic elections are producing chaos, an allegation also aimed at Hong Kong. The leader of the opposition Progressive Democratic Party. Peng Min-ming, went further last night and claimed that the

mainland, which hates his advocacy of independence, had put a £3.3 million price on his head.

That these threats are taken seriously in Taiwan was plain at the final election press conference of Lin Yang-kang and Hau Pei-tsun, the presidential and vice-presidential candidates of the opposition New Party. The two men were expelled from the ruling Kuomintang last year and are now involved in a bitter ideological feud with their old Nationalist colleagues as to who represents best the legacy of Sun Yat-sen, the Kuomintang founder. They accuse President Lee Teng-hui, and America, of provoking discord

with China. The room was surrounded by armed police and when the candidates left, the guards pressed closely around them. An official said she had never seen such protection before except for high-ranking for-

eign guests. Mr Lin, a former high official of the ruling Kuo-mintang, and Mr Hau, a retired general with a weathered expressionless face, rang the changes on political abuse of President Lee. Mr Lin's most sensational

charge was that in 1947 the President, who had returned from schooling in Japan, joined the Communist Party. "We have documentary proof of this," he said. Mr Lee's headquarters

branded the accusation a lie, asking how a former member of the Communist Party, which is outlawed in Taiwan, could have risen to become President.

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Labour peer changes tack on TV Bill

The Government avoided another humiliating Lords defeat last night when Labour suddenly withdrew a bid to safeguard highlights of many big sporting events for terres-trial channels.

Lord Howell, the former Labour sports minister, stunned peers during the Broadcasting Bill when he withdrew his amendment to force broadcasters to share out highlights and radio access. He opted, instead, to call for a statutory duty on the Sports Council to draw up a voluntary code of conduct on highlights.

Clarke under fire

Kenneth Clarke, who is at the centre of the Cabinet battle over a referendum on Europe, faced a call for his resignation from Patrick Minford, a member of his panel of Treasury advisers ..

Couch potatoes told to spring clean their way to fitness

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

healthy living fell yesterday as the Government dropped advice to exercise vigorously for 20 minutes three times a week.

In place of exhortations to take up squash or jogging, ministers have opted for a gentler strategy aimed at get ting couch potatoes onto their feet. However, the three year, £9 million campaign which was launched yesterday, will seek to persuade people to undertake moderate activity for 30 minutes a day five times

Examples given include walking the dog — briskly — heavy do-it-yourself (such as mixing cement) and spring cleaning. Officials claimed this will be easier and more enjoyable than other forms of exercise. It is the second time in three

months that ministers have



overturned long-cherished axioms of the health fraternity. Last Christmas Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary. relaxed the "safe" limits on alcohol consumption which had held sway for more than a decade. Some experts believe the official advice to cut the

level of fat in the diet will be the next to go, after two decades in which studies have failed to show any impact of a reduction in fat consumption on cholesterol levels or heart disease rates.

Launching the physical activity campaign yesterday, Baroness Cumberlege, the ju-nior Health Minister, said the aim was to counter the myth that being active meant being

sporty.

Describing herself as the "bicycling baroness," Lady Cumberlege, 53, said exercise need not involve a "grim, muscle snapping regime." She said she kept fit chasing cows on the family farm. "When they get out, they move extremely fast."

Research shows that six out of ten men and seven out of ten women spend too much time sitting around.

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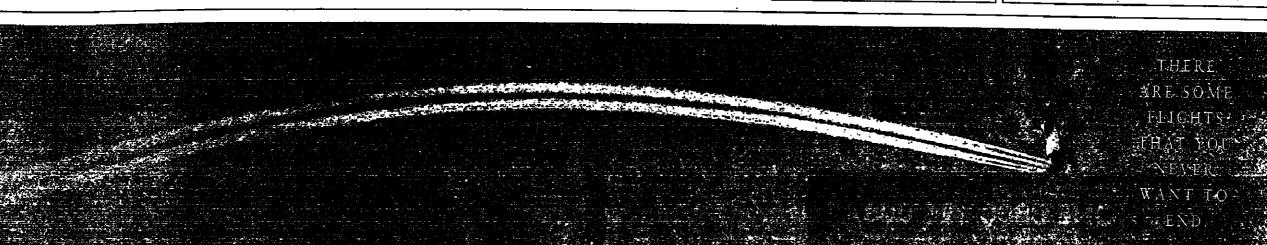
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Banalities flying at 3 o'clock. Scramble!

et's have a short one, Miss Boothroyd de-"Rupert Allason!" In fact Mr Allason (C. Torbay) is quite tall, but Madam Speaker was refer-ring to the length of his question. She was confident he would be brief. He did his Could this chip be introbest, for few dare risk Miss Boothroyd's wrath. She has duced into the Commons been growing increasingly angry in recent weeks at the way MPs and ministers are

answers into speeches. She is not alone. Watching Questions to the Social Security Secretary yesterday, followed by Prime Minister's Questions, your sketchwriter began a flight of fancy. The news had featured reports of a

turning both questions and

of about 60p, can be incorporated into television sets. It enables the set to respond to broadcast signals which trigget a "scrambling" device whenever anything potentially offensive appears in a programme.

sound transmission system? The benefits are obvious. The TV chip, apparently, can scramble scenes of sex or violence. Sadly these are rare in the Commons chamber so the chip would not be needed here. But there is much else to offend the viewer, and this the chip could scramble. I envisage ten categories of chip-



First, prolixity. This sketch proposes that any question or answer which lasts longer than 15 seconds should scramble automatically as the speaker goes into overtime. MPs unable to speak briefly would be stopped from speaking at

Second, risibility. With per-fectly straight faces politicians seem able to utter propositions which are quite simply mon-strous. Labour's chief social security spokesman, Chris Smith, said that "one in three children today live in poverty. whereas it was one in ten in

1979". Scramble! Third, banality. Yesterday Nigel Waterson (C, East-bourne), wearing a large daffodil, asked whether it was not the case that under this Government inward investment into Britain had reached a splendid level, making us "the enterprise centre of Europe". The daffodil should have

warned us. Scramble! Fourth, sycophancy. The Social Security Secretary, Peter Lilley, yesterday told his backbench admirer, Barry

ministers present before finalising his stance on the

issue. This timetable would

mean that Mr Major would go

month and address Tory activ-

ists in Harrogate on March 30

without having settled the

The prospect of a delay loomed as Mr Major sought to

placate Euro-sceptic Tories by

underlining his determination

to reform the European Court

In the Commons, the Prime

Minister was pressed by back-

benchers, including John Red-

wood, who challenged him for

the leadership last summer, to

rein in the powers of the court,

which most recently infuriated Conservatives by upholding EU proposals for a maximum

48-hour working week. Mr

Major said the Government

would seek improvements at

the forthcoming IGC.

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of Justice at the IGC.

Field (C, Isle of Wight), that if the choice of areas for departmental pilot schemes was based "on the diligence of their MP", then the Isle of Wight win every time. Scramble

Fifth, juvenility. As the ju-nior minister Roger Evans told Labour MPs yesterday that their plans "to nationalise pensions" were "a nightmare", Tory backbenchers shrieked "Nightmare, nightmare, nightmare" like banshees. Scramble!

Sixth, mendacity. One Labour backbencher told the PM (and the cameras) yesterday that "eight million people have lost their jobs since the last election". Although technically true, the MP's statement was highly misleading. Scrambiel Seventh, vanity. Did you see Michael Heseltine's hair yesterday? Scramble!

Eighth, fatuity: John Redwood, for instance, asking the PM whether he will "overthrow judgments of the European Court. Scramble!

Ninth, vulgarity. Happily. there were no questions yesterday from Tony Banks (Lab. Newham NW).

Tenth, incivility. Do you need examples?

But readers, a doubt creeps in. If this new chip works, and every Commons intervention which is either prolix, risible, sycophantic, banal, juvenile, mendacious, vain, fatuous, vulgar or uncivil is scrambled. what will be left?

Judges refuse appeal for Rosemary West

Rosemary West was yesterday refused permission to appeal against her conviction for the murder of ten girls and young women. After a day and a half of legal argument the Court of Appeal took just 15 minutes to rule that there were no grounds on which West, 42, could argue that she was wrongly convicted in November.

West, who chose to stay at Durham prison during the hearing, was told of the decision in a telephone call from Leo Goatley, her solicitor. He said: "This is the end of the line unless we find new evidence. I don't think my client will be particularly surprised or disappointed by the result 1think she'll take it well, with a certain amount of stoicism. Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, who was sitting with Mr Justice Mitchell and Mr Justice Newman. will give details of the court's decision next week.

'Unsafe' sex was rape

A painter and decorator was jailed for four years yesterday after being convicted of rape on the ground that be forced prostitutes to have unprotected sex. Mr Justice Latham told Grenville Shaw at Nottingham Crown Court: "That is as much rape as if you had sexual intercourse with any other girl or woman without their consent." Shaw, 48, from Skegness, Lincolnshire, denied raping the prostitutes he picked up in Sheffield and Nottingham from 1984 to 1990.

Boy, 14, on gun charges

A 14-year-old boy arrested in connection with the theft of guns from a former soldier's home was charged with firearms and burglary offences last night and will appear in court today. Two rifles and two handguns were taken from the home of Peter Preston, 67, in Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire, on Friday. Police have recovered three of the weapons but a fourth, a handgun, is still missing. A 16-year-old has also been questioned.

£500,000 for patient

A patient who walked out of a mental hospital and threw herself from a window was awarded £495,799 damages by the High Court yesterday. Teresa Smith, 32, lost the use of her legs after falling 20ft. Miss Smith, of Leytonstone, east London, who had a history of trying to throw herself out of windows, had voluntarily gone to the police in 1992 and-been detained in hospital under the Mental Health Act. Waltham Forest Health Authority admitted liability.

CSA to pay for delays

The Child Support Agency is to start paying interest on late payments it sends to parents looking after children. The payments affect 600 families who have waited more than 28 days for money deducted from absent parents, the Department of Social Security said. The interest totals £10,500, or an average of £17.50 for each case. The new rule will apply to all maintenance payments received by the agency since April I last year.

Dog ban for vet

A former Ministry of Agriculture research vet who kept 100 dogs in appalling conditions at an illegal puppy farm was yesterday banned from owning and breeding dogs for seven years by magistrates at Farnham. Surrey. Dr Helen Hein, 69, of Guildford, had originally denied 19 charges. brought by the RSPCA, of causing unnecessary suffering to the dogs. Yesterday she admitted eight charges and another of breeding and selling dogs without a licence.

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Opening night put back

Sir Cameron Mackintosh has postponed the opening of his £3.5 million musical Martin Guerre at the Prince Edward Theatre in London. The show was due to open in June, but Sir Cameron has added a four-week workshop before the full rehearsals "to develop the special choreographic style of the production". Ticket-holders for cancelled performances will be given priority for the reallocation of their tickets or be reimbursed.

New light on lamp lady

Florence Nightingale took the libido-suppressing drug bromide, it has emerged in a rediscovered letter from 1887. The letter from Nightingale was addressed to a leading surgeon of the time, Lauder Bronton, and is expected to fetch up to £300 at the auction. The letter also mentions a seance with a Swedish masseur. It was found in the home of Goff Bowler, of Basford, Staffordshire, a former antiques dealer who died in January.

Scout saves brother

A Scout saved his brother from bleeding to death from a severed artery in his wrist by making a tourniquet from tea towels and disheloths. Ewan Sutherland, 14, was playing at the boys' home in Preston, Tyne & Wear, when Robin, 15. put his hand through a glass door. Using a tip from BBCI's 999, Ewan staunched the blood flow and telephoned for an ambulance. He is being considered for a bravery award.

TV role for young lover

is to be paid almost £6,000 to play himself in a four-part television series about their relationship. Musa Komeagac, 18, said he was paid by the Turkish channel ATV, which will broadcast the series next month. His "bride", Sarah Cook, who is now back in Braintree, will be played by a Turkish

'Wise man' wishes Clarke would resign over Europe



BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE outgoing chief of York-shire Water admitted yesterday that its leakage detection has been inadequate, but denied that the company had deliberately attempted to mislead its customers over water

Trevor Newton, the company's managing director, who is to take early retirement, told the inquiry in Leeds into its handling of last year's drought crisis: "The capability of water companies in assessing leakages has been grossly overestimated. That's the case with

YW. I freely accept that." At one time it lost up to a third of its total output. Now it was nearly down to a quarter and the company hoped to reduce that to a fifth, which it becally viable target. Mr Newton said new technology meant water flow was now measured every 15 minutes and leaks

detected more easily. Mr Newton denied telling a customer that the leakage target was 15 per cent.

☐ Yorkshire Water became embroiled in another row with Bradford council yesterday after claims that it called for all new houses to be built with showers instead of baths. But a Yorkshire Water spokesman denied making the suggestion.

By NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT would probably want his key

missed suggestions that Mr KENNETH CLARKE, the minister at the centre of the Cabinet battle over a referendum on Europe, faced a call for his resignation last night from a member of his panel of independent Treasury eco-Patrick Minford, one of the

"six wise men", told a Confederation of British Industry responsibility. conference in Birmingham: "I hope he does resign (over Europe). We might get someone sensible in his place." Mr Minford, Professor of Applied Economics at Liver-

pool University, criticised the Chancellor for being far too cautious over interest rates and claimed that he would miss his target of 3 per cent growth this year. The latest assault on the Chancellor - the subject of persistent speculation at West-

minster that he might resign if

the Cabinet backs a referen-

dum on a single currency -

came as he was half way

through a ten-day visit to South Africa and Zimbabwe. Close associates of the Chancellor yesterday dis-

Clarke regarded it as a resig-nation matter. They indicated that the Chancellor's tough stance had already paid dividends by stopping John Major from announcing a plebiscite two weeks ago and by forcing the Cabinet to confront the implications of such a move, collective 2.5

Treasury officials predicted that Mr Clarke would shrug off Professor Minford's sideswipe, saying the academic had made similar remarks before and that his criticisms of economic policy were well

Mr Clarke's absence abroad and Malcolm Rifkind's planned visit to eastern Europe next week with the Queen are holding up Cabinet consideration of the referen-dum question. Mr Major could be forced to postpone an announcement until just before Easter because he will not be able to assemble the full Cabinet until that time. Well-placed sources indicat-

Nicholas Budgen, page 18 Letters, page 19 ed that the Prime Minister



to Kenneth Clarke as Chancellor of the Exchequer

Continent unites against football hooligans

BRITAIN yesterday secured backing from its European partners for a combined police operation to track down hooligans and keep them away from trouble at the European Championship.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, set out a tough scheme for defusing the threat of football violence this summer at a Brussels meeting

where he also gave backing to joint European stance against racism and xenophobia. Mr Howard ended four months of government resistance to the stance after ensuring that Britain would not be forced to follow continental states with legislation to outlaw the mere act of uttering racist ideas, such as denying the Holocaust.

Interior Ministers from the other 14 EU states agreed to Britain's call for intensive

intelligence-gathering on likely hooligans ahead of the Euro 96 competition. Millions of fans are expected to travel to Britain for the matches. The scheme, which builds on existing data-exchanges, will keep track of known troublemakers with information such as transport arrangements and hotel bookings.

European police officers are to be stationed with British forces, whose operation is being directed by Malcolm

George, assistant chief constable of Greater Manchester Police. They will have two new computer systems linked to Epicentre, the European Police Information Centre. European officers will also be assigned to travel with fans.

The compromise on EU joint action against racism and xenophobia allows Britain to limit action against the perpetrators of racist speech to occasions when it is "carried out with the intention of

likely to do so". If applied, British officials had argued the EU's laws would require police to take action, for example, against Salman Rushdie whose Satanic Verses is deemed blasphemous by Muslim authorities.

The only new legislation required will be a law, already being drafted, to enable police to seize racist or religiously inflammatory literature produced for distribution abroad.

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Blair calls for tougher laws on the issue of gun licences

By JAMES LANDALE AND GILLIAN BOWDITCH

GUN OWNERS should face tougher hurdles before being issued with a firearms certifi-Tony Blair said

In his first firm policy recommendation since the Dunblane massacre, the Labour leader said gun owners should have to prove why they should be issued with a certificate. At present the burden of proof lies with the police, who have to prove why a certificate should not be issued.

The move came as John Major opened the way for cross-party talks on tighter gun controls. The Prime Minister said the views of the

face was like a side of beef,

dripping blood everywhere.

The dog had bitten big gouges

to shreds and his back was

like a pepper pot with all the teeth marks. His eyes were

"His jumper had been torn

There is no need to keep a

large dog like that in a

residential area where child-

ren like to play ... It is a

horrendous dog. It is like a small horse. I want the

Government to stop people owning dogs like this. We

have got to protect our child-

ren. It was a totally unpro-

He said of his son's specia-

cles: "We always struggle to

get him to wear them, but he

out of his face.

rolling in his head.

voked attack."

opposition parties would be welcomed after Mr Blair demanded that the Government's review should proceed on an all-party basis.

The funerals of six of the children killed in the Dunblane massacre were held yesterday. Traffic came to a standstill in the city and shops closed. Services for David Kerr, Melissa Currie, Charlotte Dunn, Megan Turner and Hannah Scott were held at Dunblane Cathedral and the Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Family. No details of Sophie North's funeral were

Four more children will be

buried tomorrow and the funeral of their teacher, Gwenne Mayor, will be on Thursday at the cathedral. A spokesman for the Crown Office confirmed that the body of Thomas Hamilton, the kill-

er, had been released by the Procurator Fiscal's office in Stirling after the completion of post-mortem examinations. Police refused to confirm or deny reports that the body was taken to Glasgow for cremation last night in a secret ceremony with no mourners

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Dog savages boy Continued from page 1 hardly ever puts them on right cheek flopped down like because he doesn't like them." an envelope. I could see the Mr Oxley broke down in bare bone of his skull and his tears when asked about the teeth through the wound. His

incident. He said: "I am absolutely devastated and heartbroken to lose Caspar but that's nothing to the feeling I have for Michael and his family. I'm so sorry about what has happened. I want to apologise to his family in

the right time to do that. "I've been everywhere with my dog. He's won loads of cups and awards up and down the country and I've even taken him to Cruft's."

West Yorkshire police said the Crown Prosecution Service would decide on whether action would be taken on a charge of possessing a dog which was dangerously out of

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'What he has done is contemptible. He is trying to make the church a mini cathedral'

Liz Schofield's planned private farewell to her "best friend" was thwarted

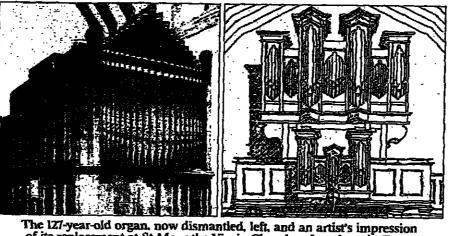
Rector hits discordant note by dismantling historic organ

A VILLAGE rector has split his congregation by remov-ing a 127-year-old organ from his medieval church. The Reverend John Cardell-Oliver has been accused of behaving "contempribly" and of destroying part of the heritage of St Mary the Virgin Church in Langham.

Workmen began to dismantle the organ on Monday, taking many villagers, who were campaigning to save it, by surprise. The dispute has led to the resignation of at least one church

The organ will be replaced by a new one using most of the old pipes. Mr Cardell-Oliver, who arrived in the parish four years ago and set about restoring the church, said the old organ was ugly and blocked part of a win-dow in the northwest corner of the church.

Mr Cardell-Oliver has followed church planning regu-lations to the letter, but feelings are running high in the village, and Liz Schofield, 55, who has played the organ at St Mary's since she was II, was close to tears when she was told just before last Sunday's service that it would be the last time she played the old organ. "It was



of its replacement at St Mary the Virgin Church at Langham in Essex

quite dreadful and my reac-tion and the congregation's was one of shock, We knew it was going to happen but not so quickly and I was very. very upset. It was like losing my best friend. This has all be done in a very ill-advised manner and I shall be interested to see how many people turn up to next Sunday's

Mrs Schofield went back to the church on Monday, intending to have a solitary farewell play, to find work-

men taking the organ apart. Mr Cardell-Oliver said: This is very distressing and as a parish priest I had no controversy. I believe this is a well thought-out and professional solution to the problem of space and every attempt has been made to provide a visually aesthetic and musical solution. I am not ashamed to say the old organ was ugly." It had been "hacked about" down the years, he said, was filthy and the change would ensure the church echoed to the sound

another century. Mr Cardell-Oliver, 52, said the scheme, costing around £40,000, had the support of a "clear majority" of the Paro-chial Church Council, of which he is chairman, and

of organ music for at least

the Rt Rev Edward Holland, Restoring the old, organ would have cost £17,000.

Opponents, led by a former church warden, Jan Sutherland, want to raise the issue at a church consistory court, to be held in Langham next month, but have been told by the Chelmsford diocese that only other restora-tion work in the church can be discussed.

Mr Sutherland said:

"What the rector has done is contemptible and unfair. He is trying to turn the church into a mini cathedral. The old organ had artistic

and historical integrity and

church and unfortunately it has divided the congregation. I believe the majority of

the village is opposed."

Clare Mouat, spokeswoman for the Chelmsford diocese, said Mr Cardell-Oliver had done nothing wrong and notices of his intention would have been clearly posted around the parish. An arch-deacon, the Venerable Ernest Stroud, had tried to mediate between the two sides but failed. Miss Mouat said. "There is a pressure group locally which is very vocal. This is very unfortunate."

Privately diocesan officials are upset that the rector began dismantling the organ three weeks before the court sitting, even though its removal cannot be discussed. One said: "His timing is bad and has stirred things up."

Experts on the subject are also divided. Dr Graham Elliott, the Chelmsford diocesan organ adviser, supported the removal, as did English Heritage. But the Reverend Dr Nicholas Thistlethwaite, chairman of the British Institute of Organ Studies, said in a report that even if it was removed, the organ should be kept intact. He said: "It is often much the best thing to leave them



The Rev John Cardell-Oliver was not ashamed to say the old organ was ugly

Tribunal backs | Neighbour woman fired for golf club punch

By Emma Wilkins

A WOMAN golfer who punched a businessman from his bar stool during a social evening won her case for unfair dismissal as manageress of the club's ishop yesterday.

Philomena Vaughan, 42, a Welsh county player, was sacked from her job at Dewstow Golf Club, Caerwent, Gwent, after she floored John Price, 47, with two right hooks. Mrs Vaughan, a 14handicapper and three times club champion, claimed Mr Price, who is 6ft tall, stroked her thigh as she walked past at

the bar. Owners of the club - annual fee £450 - suspended Mrs Vaughan while an inquiry was held. She was sacked two months later in January last year after allegations that she called the ladies' captain "an old bitch" and the club officials "a load of old sods".

Mrs Vaughan, who is mar-ried with four children, took her case to an industrial tribunal in Cardiff which ruled that she had been unfairly dismissed. The panel rejected a second complaint of sexual discrimination. Mrs Vaughan was supported by the Equal Opportunities Commission, which paid for her legal advice.

During the hearing Clive Lewis, representing Mrs Vaughan, said the club had dealt with the case unfairly because Mr Price's membership was not suspended pending the internal inquiry. He remains a member of the club. Mrs Vaughan, from Rogiet, Gwent, said she was delighted to have won at least part of her

claim. "It was quite difficult to

take this action before the

tribunal but I would do the same again. Everyone has got to stand up for their rights, it's very important."
Geoffrey Davies, the tribu-

nal chairman, said compensation would be agreed in due course but ordered a 25 per cent reduction on the grounds that Mrs Väughan had contributed to her own dismissal.

At earlier hearings, Mr Price denied sexually harassing Mrs Vaughan and said he was trying to point out a cigarette that was sticking to her cardigan.

Elwyn Harris, the chair-man of the club, which has 120 women members, said: "We accept the findings of the tribunal:and we are relieved the matter is now at an end.

"We have no personal animosity to Mrs Vaughan. As far as we at the club are concerned, she ceases to have any connection or significance at all. She has to live with her actions. Mr Price has always had and continues to have the complete support of the club



Vaughan: second complaint failed

'was killed because of noisy dog'

A MAN murdered his neighbour with a crowbar because of a barking puppy, a court

was told yesterday. Nicholas Farnell, 32, was said to have attacked Bill Potrage, a factory manager, in front of Mr Pottage's wife: Christine as the couple re-Mr Pottage, 56, never recovered consciousness and died four days later in hospital.

Michael Sayers, QC, for the prosecution, told Winchester Crown Court that Mr Farnell. a roofer, lashed out in anger because the Pottages' pet poo-dle Max had barked relentlessly in their front garden.

As they returned from shopping on a Saturday last May. Mr Farnell appeared with a crowbar, he said. He asked Mr Pottage: "You want some, do you? Do you want some of this then?" Mr Farnell, of Waterlooville, near Portsmouth, then struck Mr Pottage behind the right ear with the crowbar, Mr Sayers said. Mrs Pottage told the hear-

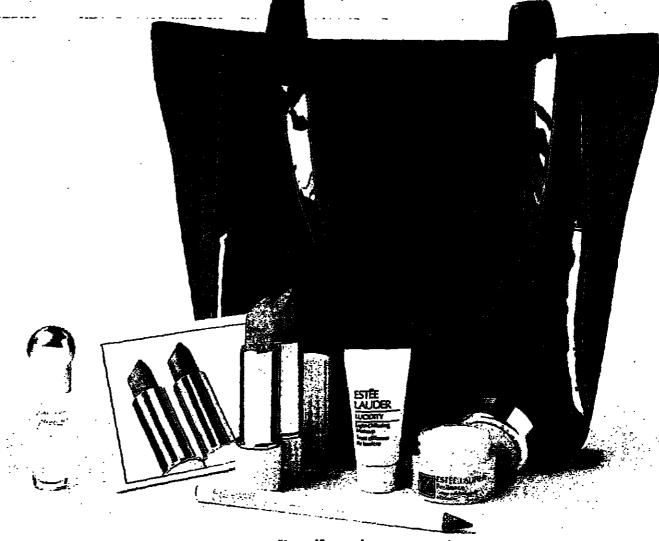
ing: "I said, 'Good God, what have you done? I could see how bad my husband was." Mr Sayers, who told the jury Mr Farnell had admitted manslaughter, said: The force of the blow was such that the deceased dropped like a

In a police interview Mr Farnell had said he had woken up on the morning of the incident to the sound of the dog barking after the couple had gone out. When he spoke to Mr Pottage about the dog he was told it was a puppy and he would have to put up with it. He had claimed the couple began verbally abusing him. Mr Farnell denies murder-

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Hangovers are no bar to a good day at the office

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

MANAGERS with hangovers may feel below par but they work just as well as sobersides, a study has

Four pints of beer, or the equivalent, in the evening had no detrimental effect on professional performance the next day once alcohol levels had fallen to zero. Although managers with hangovers felt they were working poorly, in reality they were not, according to a team at Pennsylvania

 State University. The results were unexpected because previous experiments using simple tasks usually found that a hangover did diminish performance. But it appears that wellpractised complex tasks are

hangover-proof. The researchers, led by Dr Siegfried Streufert, recruited least two years' managerial experience and screened them to make sure they were not taking medical or recreational

The 33 volunteers arrived at the laboratory at 6pm, not having had alcohol for the previous 48 hours. Over the next five hours they drank alcohol or carefully disguised non-alcoholic drinks.

The next day was spent in activities designed to mimic a working day. The volunteers performed a range of tasks. including making contact with people outside the office. while being monitored by a researcher and a sophistical-

ed computer system. The results, published in Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research, show that those who complained of

moderate drinkers with at hangovers did just as well as those with a clear head. While they expected their results to be poor, and when questioned declared that they had indeed been poor, they were wrong. There was no measurable difference.

Barry Jones, a psychologist at Glasgow University who specialises in alcohol research, said some would question whether the amount of alcohol drunk by the volunteers was sufficient to generate a true hangover. Dr Jones said a different result might emerge after a night of heavy drinking.

In 1994 the Pennsylvania team reported that relatively low levels of alcohol in the blood did affect performance in the management simulation; hangovers, apparently,

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Maestro sues CD label to save Mahler's soul

REPORTS BY BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS AND DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

CLAUDIO ABBADO, the artistic director of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, has filed a lawsuit against his record company in the Paris High Court, claiming that a compact disc compiled using excerpts from Gustav Mahler's symphonies has reduced

his work to mere soundbites. The conductor's lawyers say Deutsche Grammophon infringed the conductor's copyright and damaged the artistic integrity of the music by extracting slow movements from four Mahler symphonies, originally recorded in their entirety by Abbado with different orchestras at varying times. The court yesterday postponed a hearing in the dispute until April 2

The case brings to a head the long-running battle between those who oppose the packaging of selected "excerpts" from great musical compositions, and those who argue that "compilation" alhums have vastly increased the audience and market for classical music.

The CD, entitled Adagio and bringing together move-ments from Mahler's Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth symphonies, was released last October and distributed by Polygram.

The conductor's lawsuit calls for the CD to be withdrawn from music shops and all copies destroyed. Two of the movements are performed by the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, one by the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra and one by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. The longest excerpt lasts 26 minutes.

albums, spearheaded by opera stars such as Luciano Pavarom, has grown hugely in recent years and the Top Twenty best-selling classic music albums are almost all compilations.

Deutsche Grammophon, which is currently re-recording all Mahler's symphonies in Paris with Abbado, argues that such expensive projects can best be financed by packaging classical "greatest hits" for the mass market.

Some classical-music lovers. however, point out that the taste for compilation albums is creating a listening public used to hearing short musical extracts - such as the adagietto from Mahler's Fifth Symphony, made popular by its use in the film Death in Venice - rather than entire

> understand a work. "A Mahler symphony is like an opera. Each one takes in life and death," Abbado told The Times last year.

intended to be absorbed as an

The notes accompanying

the Adagio CD refer to the Luchino Visconti movie, mak-

ing the bizarre assertion that

Mahler, "unjustly neglected

until then, was made famous

by the film". The cover even

shows the Venice skyline, just

jected to Deutsche Gram-

mophon's depiction of Mah-

ler's adagios as a sort of

musical Prozac. "They trans-

port us to the very highest

summits, far from the stress

and agitation of daily life," the

Abbado, 62, who took over

from Herbert von Karajan at

the Berlin Philharmonic in

1989, is widely regarded as the

greatest living interpreter of

Austrian and German reper-

toire. He has argued that only

by studying "every note" in a score can a conductor fully

cover notes insist.

Abbado may well have ob-

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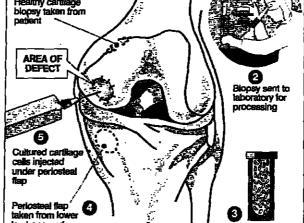
But if audiences are provided with only one element of Mahler's greatest works, supporters of Abbado fear, his compositions may come simply to represent Death in

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Claudio Abbado, above. The compilation CD Classic Moods tops the charts

HOW KNEE CARTILAGE DEFECTS CAN BE REPAIRED Healthy cartilage



Jamie Shore keeping fit before his operation:

"It's the one hope I've got of saving my career"

Medical culture could resurrect football career

By KATE ALDERSON

AN INJURED footballer's career may be saved by a pioneering operation to replace damaged cartilage in his knee. His own cells, grown in culture in an Ameri-. can laboratory, will be used. Jamie Shore, 18, a youth

team professional for Norwich City and a former England under-16 international, thought his career was over after a serious injury to his right knee. He has been unable to play for 18 months. An operation in ten days'

time at the NHS Centre for Sports Injury in Leighton Hospital, Crewe, may see Jamie playing professional football again within a year.

In January a tiny amount of Jamie's cartilage was taken from his knee and sent to the Genzyme Tissue Repair laboratories in Massachusetts. where the 10,000 or so cells were regenerated into a tissue containing 16 million cells. At the end of this month the cells and implanted into the footballer's knee to make the new

Dai Rees, consultant orthoof the NHS Centre for Sports Injury, is pioneering the tech-nique in Britain. He said: "The implications

for the application of this technology are immense. It has taken off in the US and Scandinavia but there will need to be major clinical trials here to assess the implications."

Jamie, a graduate of the Football Association's School Excellence in Lilleshall, Shropshire, has been told by Mr Rees that he could be playing football again within a year. His family is helping him to pay the \$10,000 for the American cell-development

Speaking yesterday from his home in Bristol he said: "I'm not apprehensive at all because I've got nothing to lose. This is the one hope I've got of saving my career and I'm very grateful for it."

Technique that gives patients a kick

THE technique of repairing knees with cells cultured from the patient's cartilage was developed at the University of Gothenburg in Sweden by Lars Peterson, an orthopaedic surgeon.

At a meeting of American orthopaedic surgeons in Atlanta three weeks ago, he reported that he had treated 251 patients using the method. Among those treated at least two years ago, he said, more than 80 per cent had shown long-term benefits.

The procedure works well on cartilage defects of the femoral condyle - the part of the knee formed by the end of the thigh bone - and in defects of the knee cap, he

After bone, cartilage is the

sue of the body. It lines the joints, absorbs stresses and allows smooth movement. However, joint cartilage does not regenerate, and once damaged - often in a sports injury - the friction in the joint increases, widening the area of damage and causing

severe pain.

Mr Peterson's technique, commercialised by Genzyme Tissue Repair of Cambridge. Massachusetts, involves removing healthy cartilage cells, multiplying them in culture, and then replacing them in the damaged joint. A small flap of periosteal tissue. the material that forms a sheath over the bones, is used as a flap over the cells to keep them in place. Patients have shown continued improvement as time passes.

Easy listeners go for 'greatest hits'

COMPILATION albums feature so heavily in the classical music charts that they account for five of this week's top ten albums. All the main record companies are aiming at a big market for pieces heard in a film or television

Most of the companies are picking repertoire to fit "concepts". Warner Classics has come up with themes such as Classic Weepies and Sensual Classics: to ensure that music really was going to be the food of love, it commissioned six couples to test 50 "sexy" tracks under the bedsheets.

The latest charts are topped by Classic Moods, a Decca double-album featuring 32 tracks. It has occupied the No I slot

since January, aiready selling 100,000 copies in Britain. Every track is listed by composer, with a mention of any film in which it was featured.

The sleeve notes describe the works in terms that some might find unfamiliar. The adagio from Schubert's String Quintet (Takaes Quartet) is said to feature "in many celebrities' Desert Island Discs, and was used as the melancholy ending to the film Carrington and in British Telecom advertising.

Barber's Adagio for Strings (Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, 1992): "Possibly one of the most emotional pieces of classical music ever written, the Adagio ... has made many very public appearances - at the funeral of President

Kennedy, in the films Platoon and The Elephant Man . . ."

Peter Russell, managing director of buge market of classical-music buyers who did not want complete works. They want recognisable tunes, melodies used in films and all sorts of other outlets which are very familiar." Classic Moods, he said, was typical of many albums. The same pieces feature on several compilation recordings.

James Jolly, editor of the monthly magazine Gramophone, said of the compilations: "It's the greatest hits wrapped up under a glossy name. They are servicing a different market. One can't be critical of them for that."



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Carey calls on MPs to give poor a chance

THE Archbishop of Canterbury called for politicians to move away from confrontation to address the suffering caused by poverty.

"I believe in the enterprise society and wealth creation ... I also believe in the stakeholder society but both will be unsatisfactory if people are excluded from society." Dr George Carey said at a conference in London. The conference was one of a series organised by Church Action on Poverty to give a platform to the underprivileged so they could present their needs to people in power at a national level.

Jamie Phillips, 17, from Preston, spoke of life in local authority care and of her fear of being thrown out to live on £35 a week. "Peter Lilley thinks young people leave home for the fun of it,"

"My life has been one o abuse and neglect, without love. I just wish that people would give us a chance and treat us with respect."



George Carey talks to "Lisa", an impoverished woman who became a prostitute

Barrister turns Mr Bean to barter his legal skills

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A BARRISTER with a liking for mung beans is offering his advocacy skills in exchange for other services if people

cannot obtain legal aid. Peter Gray, a barrister in Canterbury, has advertised via Link, a lawyers' Internet service, offering to do legal work through his local trading co-operative. The Canterbury local exchange trading system (Lets), is one of about 300 dealing in non-sterling curren-

In Canterbury the unit is called "tales", and each is equivalent to £1. "The principle is that it allows people to trade their goods and services when they might otherwise be unable to do so because of lack of conventional money," Dr

Gray said.
He is offering to do paperwork such as preparation, reading papers, research and drafting documents at a rate of 30 tales an hour, a conference with a client at 30 an hour: a court or tribunal appearance at 40 an hour and travelling and waiting at 20 an hour.

An unemployed carpenter,



Peter Gray is offering a new line in client care

for example, might need a lawyer but be unable to afford one. Normal fees would prevent a deal, but under the cooperative system the two men can trade with each other.

Dr Gray, a qualified doctor who changed careers two years ago and describes himself as "environmentally and alternatively minded", plans to use his tales on lentils and mung beans, "thus recycling them back into the Lets

But Dr Gray, 36, who is interested in environmental law and personal injury claims, accepts that there

could be problems in spending his income. "It's a bit tricky i can see myself ending up with a big pile of unspent tales because, apart from the local wholefood shop, the services people offer tend to be things such as babysitting or dogwatching and I don't have

a great need for those." He says, however, that it is important that people such as lawyers are seen to be offering "commercial-type" services through the local exchange trading system. Clients, who cannot approach barristers direct, are told to go to a solicitor of their choice and - suggest using Dr Gray's "tales" offer. "Not all solicitors understand about tales and Lets and you may have to try another one." Dr Gray said.

He will try the system for six months, and intends to treat his tales income as if it were pounds for taxation and accounting purposes.

A spokesman for the Bar Council, to whom Dr Gray has applied for pemission, said: "On the face of it, there is no reason why he should not offer his services for whatever. remuneration he determines. provided it does not bring the profession into any disrepute." But Walter Merricks, director of professional and legal policy at the Law Society, has responded via E-mail with a suggestion that Dr Gray put his proposal past the Kent Law Society first. I am not sure," he adds, "where solicitors are supposed to collect the mung beans or whatever."

One solicitor, Patrick Stevens, was more sanguine. "If a barrister wants to be paid in mung beans, it's nothing new. Solicitors have been paid peanuts for their legal aid

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Breakdown rate for marriages approaches 40%

By Ian Murray, community correspondent

FEWER than half of newlyweds will be together for their silver anniversary if divorce rates continue to rise at the A report by the Office of

Population, Censuses and Surveys says that, even though life expectancy is rising, only one in nine newlywed couples in England and Wales can expect to celebrate a golden wedding compared with one in seven of those married in 1987.

Forty-one per cent of current marriages are expected to break down, against an estimate of 37 per cent in 1987 and 34 per cent in 1980. The proportion is rising, by about ! per cent a year, even though the number of divorces has because of the increase in people choosing to cohabit

rather than marry. There were 158,000 divorces in 1994, a drop of 4 per cent from the previous year. Eighty-eight thousand of the cases involved children; a total of 165,000 under 16. England and Wales has the highest

divorce rate in Europe. The predictions for newlyweds are based on divorce and death trends since 1951. The

1987 prediction was for just over a half of newlyweds to be together at their twenty-fifth anniversary: the latest predic-

tion is for just under half. The report predicts that the divorce law reforms going through Parliament will cause temporary surge in the number of divorces as couples attempt to beat the deadline for a quickly obtainable, faultbased divorce. Then there is likely to be a short-term fall in the number of divorces because of the delays imposed

by the new law. The survey suggests that they mere fact of divorce being debated in Parliament is likely to have an effect on people marrying now. Those who were wed at the time of and 1984, have been more

likely to seek a divorce. "Couples who marry when divorce law reform is a subject of public debate may have a slightly different perception and use of the resort to divorce than their counterparts who marry one or two years earlier or later," the report says

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Whatever the age, smears save lives

MEDICAL BREEING

THE Government's report on the taking of cervical smears, published on Monday, has set a target. The preliminary aim is that at east 80 per cent of all women between the ages of 25 and 60 should have a smear taken not less than every five years.

The guidelines will be of interest to three women who had positive smears treated within the past month or so at the same London teaching hospital. One patient, only 25, had her first smear taken when she became pregnant and it unfortunately showed a few abnormal cells. The smear was repeated and the cytologists confirmed the ear-

lier findings.

A suspicious area was found in her cervix but after full consultation it was decided to postpone treatment until the baby was born. Surprisingly the smear tak-

en at her post-natal examination showed no abnormal cells. But as the results of delivery can disguise abnormalities the obstetrician repeated the smear six months later; it was abnormal and by now the diseased patch could be diagnosed as obviously

invasive cancer. The patient has had ber baby, been treated, will live and will be able to have other children. The same team treated two

women in their middle 60s. neither of whom had had a previous smear. Both had early cancer of the cervix, not yet invasive, both were treated and neither is likely to have any further trouble.

Although the emphasis of the government report has been on achieving more uniform results in the laboratory when interpreting smears, the expertise of the doctor taking them is important. It is encouraging that de-spite an increase in cases of

cancer of the cervix, the death rate is falling. The history of the three patients at the hospital shows that neither the understandable shyness of a young woman, nor any over-confidence in a pensioner, should deter those age groups from having regular smears that can detect changes even before they have become malignant.

> DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

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Union puts forward 10-point plan to curb increasing violence against school staff

Beaten teacher calls for legal removal of disruptive children

By David Charter, education correspondent

A PRIMARY school teacher who won £82,500 damages after she was attacked by a ten-year-old boy said yesterday that her repeated requests to have hun removed from her

class had been ignored.

Hazel Spence-Young, who
was left permanently disabled, called for legislation to
force disruptive children out of classrooms. She said the boy's presence made teaching the class of 49 children at Frederick Bird Junior School in Coventry "like going into bat-tle". Mrs Spence-Young, who shared the class with another teacher, said she was ordered by an educational social worker not to isolate the boy, although a psychologist said he was maladjusted and be-

longed in a special school. Mrs Spence-Young, 48, has to wear a neck brace and has

her right arm after the assault been prescribed morphine to ease constant pain.

The attack happened while the boy and a number of other children were being kept in to catch up on their work. "He insisted on running out of the classroom, shouting and yelling abuse, much of it four-letter expletives. I followed him and tried to persuade him to come back.

She said he went berserk. There were fists and feet flying. I was being kicked and punched and pummelled." A colleague came to help but Mrs Spence-Young received "three very hard thumps under my chin. My head snapped back." Later she realised she had been badly hurt. After weeks of physiotherapy and treatment in a neurosurgical ward, she was told

permanently disabling. "There should be a legal

requirement that once a child has been identified as in need of special care, particularly children who display violence, they should be removed from mainstream school." Mrs Spence-Young

peaking as her union, the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, which won the damages for her from Coventry City Council, un-veiled a ten-point plan to curb serious attacks on its members. It said these had risen from 10 in 1990 to 51 last year. The union described Mrs

Spence-Young's compensation as a breakthrough for teachers faced with escalating violence in the classroom. The union is pursuing damages in nine other cases. They include a



Hazel Spence-Young is one of a growing number of teachers being attacked and seriously injured by pupils

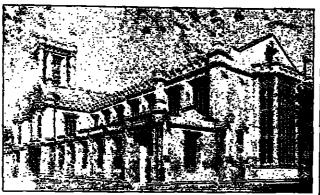
Manchester science teacher pulled to the ground by her hair and hit with a brick by a technology teacher in Nottinghamshire who had his jaw broken in two places by a 15-

The union's proposals, to be

presented to a government group looking at school security, include a greater readiness to heed classroom teachers calling for support and more pupil referral units, tive children.

union's general secretary, City Council declined to comsaid: "This is an extremely useful precedent. We are serving notice upon all employers that they must ensure the safety of teachers. Where they fail to do this, NASUWT will A spokesman for Coventry

ment on the case of an individual child or the decision to keep him in the mainstream class. He said the council would have contested Mrs Spence-Young's version



Cheltenham College, which was founded in 1841

Cheltenham to take girls in all classes

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

CHELTENHAM COLLEGE master, said: "We have to cation by admitting girls throughout the school. Plans to segregate the sexes during the years of puberty have been dropped after opposi-

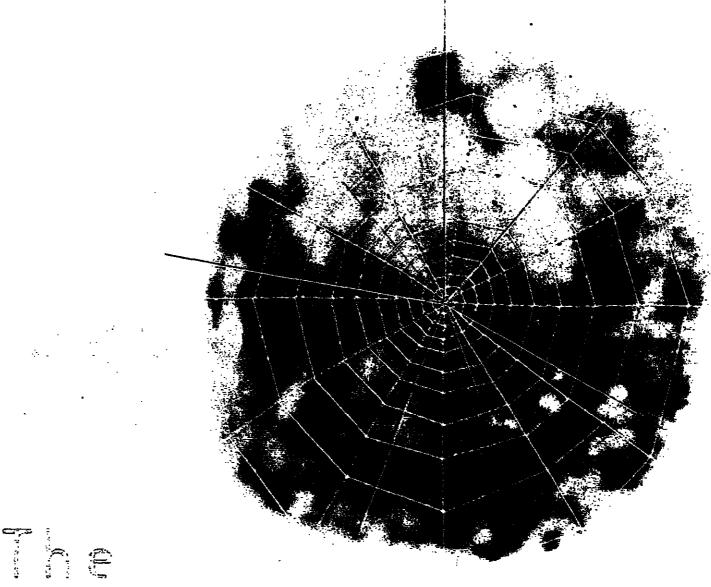
The college bas had a conal sixth form for began taking girls in its junior school in 1994. But the interim years bave hitherto been a male preserve.

The 70 girls now at the junior school were to have been asked to leave at the age of 13, with encouragement to return in the sixth form. But the change of heart announced yesterday will enable them to stay on for the rest of their schooldays. Peter Wilkes, the Head-

move with the times. The girls are doing awfully well, and we decided it was no longer relevant to have this small section that is single sex." From September 1998 the school, where fees for boarders are £12,000, will be fully

will rise from 565 to 650. Mr Wilkes said: This is part of our determination to make the college a better school still. We shall be ex-

He is prepared for criticism from traditionalists. There are bound to be a few will soon be in the 21st century and we are determined to keep up with that."



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Lesbian Wren was 'too scared to report navy rapist'

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

A FORMER Wren confessed to MPs yesterday that she had been raped when she was in the Royal Navy but was afraid to tell the authorities because she was lesbian.

Karen Greig, 33, was one of several witnesses who appeared before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill and described what it was like to be a homosexual in the

Miss Greig said she was raped by a male colleague who was serving with her at HMS Daedalus, a shore-based training facility at Fareham in Hampshire. She remained silent about the attack for a long time because she was so scared of being exposed as a lesbian and being dismissed. She arranged a transfer to

the naval air station HMS Gannet at Prestwick, near Glasgow, but was still pestered by her attacker. She suspected that he knew she was a lesbian. When at last

she complained to her superiors, she was asked "incredibly intimate questions" and was told: "Maybe you're not handling this very well because

you're lesbian." Miss Greig, who joined the Navy in 1981, said that once she had admitted her homosexuality the naval authorities were interested only in having her removed from the service. She spent three days in a psychiatric hospital and was

After she had completed her evidence to the committee, she was near to tears. She said that the man who had raped her had never been charged. MPs on the committee.

which was taking evidence about the Government's ban on homosexuals in the Armed Forces, were clearly shocked by her story. John Reid (Lab, Motherwell North) said that if accurate he felt "revolted and

treat a rape victim in such a

A Royal Navy spokeswoman said after the hearing that any allegation of rape would have been rigorously investigated.

Other witnesses from Stonewall and Rank Outsiders, two organisations lobbying for equal rights in the forces, told the committee that homosexual servicemen and women had no one they could trust to discuss their problems with. They said that even military chaplains were breaching the confidentiality of pastoral care and reporting homosexuals to their commanding officers.

Niall Johnston, 35, a former army major and now a senior chaplain to the National Health Service, said that a "substantial" number of service chaptains were following Ministry of Defence guide-lines rather than those of the Church. He said that he had



Members of the Stonewall and Rank Outsiders pressure groups before giving evidence at the Commons yesterday

serving army chaplains that their commanding officers were putting them under strong pressure to reveal information relating to soldiers' sexual orientation.

Mr Johnston then produced letter written 24 hours earlier by the Right Rev John Kirkham, Bishop of Sher-

to Her Majesty's Forces, who said that confidentiality was paramount and absolute". The Right Rev Francis Walmsley, Roman Catholic Bishop to Her Majesty's Forces, said that a person's sexuality revealed in confi-

dence should never

vice personnel policy at the MoD, told the committee that chaplains should not breach confidences but said that medical officers were in a different position. They were part of the chain of command and had a duty to preserve health, security and discipline.

Three white soldiers are to

be court martialled after two

black civilian women complained that they were racially abused while visiting an army barracks. The three men, who are members of the Cheshire Regiment, have been charged with using abusive and insulting language towards the women at Oakington Barracks near Cambridge last

Blair tries to counter' Harman's critics

TONY BLAIR has denied planning to drop Harriel Harman if she fails to get re-elected to the Shadow Cabinet. The Labour leader has told colleagues that he regards Ms Harman as a "key member of

his team who is doing a firstclass job in the health portfolio". His intervention follows newspaper articles claiming that he intended to withdraw his support.

He is impressing on his colleagues that Ms Harman should be judged on her record as Shadow Health Secretary rather than her decision to send her son to a grammar school. The signs are, however, that her position is still precarious. Criticism of her decision has not abated. and her opponents claim that she will be a liability in the run up to the general election.

Her friends admit that she may not get re-elected to the Shadow Cabinet - her vote has never been high — and are advising her not even to try to gain re-election to the National Executive Committee.



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Tories now need more than the 'feel-good' factor

ever, will it take to get into an election-saving, let alone winning, position? That is the central question facing the Cabinet this morning as it holds one of its occasional political strategy sessions.

Support for the Tories has firmed since last autumn, although its latest poll ratings have been hit by the backwash from the row over the Scott report. But taking the last three months as a whole, Tory support in the MORI polls for The Times is, at 28 per cent, one percentage point higher than during the previous three months and three to four points higher than in the same period a year earlier.

The other positive indicator is the trend of local council byelections. The Tories have gained a net nine seats since ast October, including four last Thursday. The party's share of the vote has imroved steadily over the period and is 1.4 points higher than when these seats were last fought. The upward trend in Tory support is confirmed by the thorough analysis of the Association of Liberal Democrat Councillors. The Tory gains have been in its traditional strong areas such as Horsham, Worthing, Erewash and North Yorkshire. But Tory support is still

low by historic standards. The recovery potential is anyone's guess. There are two broad views: "economic determinists". such as Michael Heseltine and advisers like Maurice Saatchi, and the "political sceptics". The former believe that Tory support will pick up provided the "feel-good" factor is positive, while the latter think that economic recovery is a necessary, but not a sufficient. condition for electoral revival compared with broader public attitudes towards the Government and the Prime

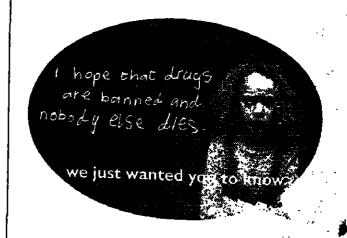
My instincts are that the "political sceptics" are more likely to be right over the long term. Admittedly, economic optimism is already improving and is now at its highest level since the end of 1994. Confidence should be further stimulated by the Budget tax cuts which will feed through

up in the pace of recovery later should lead to some Tory gain in the polls over the next few months. But in the other direction is the public's disillusionment with Tory divisions, dating back to sterling's forced withdrawal from the exchange-rate mechanism in September 1992 and the subsequent battles over the Maastricht Bill. These events resulted in an unprecedented collapse in the public's satis-faction with the Government. which shows little sign of any real recovery.

Consequently, whatever boost the Tories receive from rising disposable incomes may in part be offset by the public's deep hostility to the Government, and, incidentally, by the more acceptable face The odds must be that it will be hard - though obviously not impossible - for the Tories to get much more than 36 to 38 per cent of the vote. against just over 42 per cent at the 1992 general election. A secondary prediction is that the Liberal Democrats could win more seats, either side of 30, even if their national vote does not improve, because of their concentration on the

wild card is Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party. His success in coming from nowhere to 18 per cent in France during the European elections two years ago and Sunday's NOP poll suggesting that 30 per cent might support the party reveal the strength of Eurosceptic feeling but are not good guides to what might happen in a general election. This is fought over the choice of government of the country rather than just Europe. which is low on most voters' priorities. Sir James could stir a lot of attention, but the next election will not be decided by him. It will turn on a balance between economic recovery and tiredness with a party that has been in office so long.

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Ulster parties condemn plans for 'hybrid' poll

By Nicholas Watt, ireland correspondent, and Arthur Leathles

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Northern Ireland parties in conflict over the style of elections for a new peace forum joined together in dismissing government plans for a compromise option combining each electoral system.

Democratic Unionists and the Social Democratic and Labour Party insist that candidates should be elected under a single party list system while Ulster Unionists favour five candidates being elected individually in each of 18 constituencies.

However, ministers remained convinced last night that a "hybrid" plan, combining the two electoral systems. offers the best prospect of

bringing together the parties.

Last night the Cabinet's Northern Ireland committee was finalising plans at Downing Street under which some candidates in the May elections would be elected individually and others would

MINISTERS came under attack from both sides of the political divide in Northern Ireland yesterday over their plans to hold elections in the Province.

be elected on the party list system. Ministers said in a consultation paper published last week that if there were an elections in the Province.

be elected on the party list system. However, the party list of elections after discussions with the DUP on the list system. Sir Patrick Mayhew, the combine elements of both approaches, the Government would be happy to consider it

urgently and constructively.

One option understood to be under consideration is for three members to be elected individually in each of the 18 constituencies, with the remaining two members elected on the list system.

Although the Ulster Union-ists, led by David Trimble, claim that the list system offers other parties an electoral advantage, the compromise option resembles plans put forward by the party early last

Seamus Mallon, the deputy leader of the SDLP, said that the hybrid system would not work. "I cannot see the logic of it. It seems to me an absolute contradiction in terms. Whoever thought out that bright idea does not realise the realities of elections."

The SDLP initially opposed the Government's plans for

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, insisted yesterday that the Government would have to come forward with plans that would, in its judgment, have the best prospects of finding widespread acceptance. "I think it is very important now that the Government shuld be allowed to come forward with

tion for the elective process. What people want here in Northern Ireland is to see the parties talking and it is our responsibility to devise a method which offers the best prospects of that". As anger at the Govern-

its own proposals for legisla-

ment's plans increased, Sir Patrick had a 90-minute meeting in Belfast with Peter Robinson, the DUP deputy leader, during which Mr Robinson voiced his concerns about the proposed role for the Dublin government in the all-party talks. Unionists argue that Dublin should be

kept out of discussions on the internal affairs of Northern Ireland.

He also held talks in London with Mr Trimble and his deputy, John Taylor, at which the Unionists underlined their fears that the Government was backing away from making the disarming of terrorists a priority issue at the all-party talks planned for June.

Peter Robinson, the deputy leader of the DUP, said that the hybrid electoral system would complicate the elec-tions. "Can you imagine if we had that kind of system. The elector who comes along to the booth may be required to vote in a referendum, get another ballot paper to vote in a list system, and get another ballot paper to vote on a constituency basis. I can just imagine the number of spoilt papers."

Ministers also faced pressure from John Alderdice of the the moderate Alliance Party. He said that all-party talks could collapse on the first day if the issue of disarming terrorists was not the first item



Loyalists blamed for riots in Belfast

BY NICHOLAS WATT

LOYALIST paramilitaries organising riots in Belfast on Monday night in which masked gunmen set fire to buses and vans. Police said that the

disurbances were planned and co-ordinated. Speculation that the Ulster Defence Association was responsible grew when its political wing the Ulster Democratic Party. admitted that the riots were well orchestrated".

. John White, a leading member of the UDP, said that loyalists took to the streets after the RUC carried out house searches in Protestant areas. "Loyalists have maintained their ceasefire and yet the police are carrying out searches. The RUC is harassing loyalists and attempting to gather intelligence."
The RUC said it searched

two houses over the weekend and three on Monday. It is understood that the raids were part of an investigation into the funding of paramili-

Two main paths to the peace forum

BY OUR IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

POLITICAL parties in Northern Ireland have put forward proposals for two types of elections to the peace forum.

The Ulster Unionists want voters in each of Northern Ireland's 18 parliamentary constituencies to elect five people to a 90-member body. The single transferable vote system would be used.

This proposal would be easy to introduce because the elections would be held along similar lines to the elections to the last assembly in Northern Ireland, which sat from 1982-86. The legislation in the Northern Ireland Assembly Elections Order of 1982 would

need to be updated, although

this would be straightfor-The Democratic Unionists and the SDLP favour a list. system in which voters would political party rather than for individual candidates. Under this system Northern Ireland would be treated as a single

constituency.

Parties would be awarded seats at the forum according to their share of the vote. They would choose their candidates from a list drawn up before the election. The DUP and SDLP favour this system because they always do well in European elections, which is the only other poll in which Northern Ireland is treated as a single constituency.

The Government says that this system would require new legislation because there is no enacted precedent for a list system. In a paper drawn up during this month's con-sultation with the political parties the it said that an immediate problem would be how to register the parties. "Since no system of political party registration exists in the identifying the parties contesting the election would need to be established."

in key marginal wards. Labour is about to seize on a

second report into allegations

that Westminster councillors

housed 100 homeless families

in two tower blocks with an

asbestos problem. That report is expected to be published

The families were relocated in 1989 to the Hermes and

Chantry Points blocks in Har-

row Road, near Paddington in northwest London, even

though the council's environ-mental health officer had giv-

en warning some years before of the health risk.

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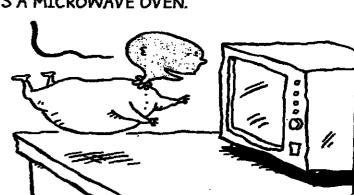


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report on Tory council scandal By James Landale, political reporter MINISTERS will face new thought likely to confirm his provisional findings that the council illegally attempted to woo likely Tory voters and oust Labour-supporting ten-ants by selling council houses

Labour to exploit

accusations of Tory sleaze this week when the first of two damaging reports into the Westminster Council "homesfor-votes" scandal is expected to be published. Labour said yesterday that

it would step up its campaign to exploit Tory embarrassment over the allegations of gerrymandering by senior councillors and officials in the Tory local authority.

The row centres on the role of Dame Shirley Porter, former leader and mayor of Westminster Council, Barry Legg, Tory MP for Milton Keynes South West and former council chief whip, and seven other councillors and officials during the late 1980s. An inquiry was launched into allegations that the council used its housing policy to fill marginal wards with Tory voters for the 1990 local

In an initial report in January 1994, John Magill, the district auditor, said that the nine councillors and officials could face surcharges of almost E22 million. That figure has now risen to almost £30 million.

Mr Magill's completed 900page report is expected to be published by mid-April. He is would not comment until the reports had been published. IN PARLIAMENT

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'I have taken a gamble ... but in the end it wasn't a difficult decision'

Mother turns down cancer treatment to save unborn baby

A MOTHER who refused to have treatment for breast cancer to save her unborn child said yesterday she was confident she had made the right decision. Sonya Short, 29, who was told she had cancer 12 weeks into her pregnancy, knew chemotherapy and radi-ation would kill the foetus.

On Saturday she gave birth to a healthy boy, named Charlie, who weighed 7lb 13oz. and immediately started a course of treatment. Doctors at the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle upon Tyne hope that the drug Tamoxifen will now take effect and that the cancer has not spread to a

critical level. Mrs Short said yesterday: "I have taken a gamble but when I look at Charlie I know it was worth it. I don't know yet what the future holds for me but I've got a lovely son and I wouldn't have jeopardised his life for anything. People have been telling me how brave I have been, but I really don't think I am. If I hadn't been pregnant I would never have known I had breast cancer and would have carried on as normal. Knowing that, I couldn't have gone through with a termination for anything. There is no doubt that Charlie is very special. All babies are special but there's something different about this one."

The former nurse, who cared for terminally ill cancer patients, is home again in Blaydon, Tyne and Wear, with her husband Kevin, 31, and daughter Molly, 2.

Her GP discovered a lump while carrying out a routine check eight weeks into her pregnancy. A month later, after tests at hospital, it was confirmed that the lump was malignant. She had a mastectomy, but there is a risk the cancer will have spread through her body. Mrs Short her baby was born and is awaiting the result of tests.

She said: "Both Kevin and [feel there is a reason why I became pregnant and that it was meant to be. With that in mind we couldn't end Charlie's life and deprive him of a chance of a future.

"I had gone into hospital thinking I would be told the lump was due to normal pregnancy changes. But suddenly Kevin and I were faced with having to decide between terminating the pregnancy or me having a mastectomy and waiting six months to see if I was cured. In the end it wasn't a very hard decision to make."

Mr Short, also a nurse, said: "We are happy we have a beautiful baby boy now. I am incredibly proud of Sonya when I think of what she has done. She found the courage



very scary but we both talked about what should be done and knew we couldn't get rid

Tom Lennard, the consultant surgeon treating Mrs Short, said he was optimistic about her chances of a full recovery. "She is a very brave

just keeping our fingers crossed that everything will be all right. We can't give guar-antees but she will be receiving the best treatement possible."

Mr Lennard, who described

woman and knows exactly Mrs Short as a model patient, added: "Sonya started taking anti-cancer drugs very shortly what lies ahead of her. We are after the birth of little Charlie. For the next two weeks she will have scans and from them we will be able to determine the extent of the disease and wheth-

Brussels reprieves open-platform bus

The open-platform double-decker bus has been reprieved by Brussels bureaucrats. European Union safety commissioners had ruled that by 2000 all buses should have doors to protect passengers; however, it has been agreed that London Transport can commission a new hopon, hop-off vehicle. The EU said: "If London Transport wanted to build a new generation of Routemasters, all the UK Government would have to do is ask for an exemption to the ruling and that would allow open-platform buses to continue in London." London Transport has asked a design company to look at replacing the Routemaster.

Tennis appeal ruled out

Two tennis players alleged to have tested positive for cocaine at the French Open lost their attempt to delay disciplinary proceedings by the International Tennis Federation. Mats Wilander, of Sweden, and Karel Novacek, of the Czech Republic, had sought an injunction forcing postponement of the proceedings until after a full High Court hearing in June of their claim that current drug-testing procedures are unfair.

Thames lido floated

By the end of the century Londoners could be swimming and relaxing in the Thames in a floating pool moored off the South Bank. The 50m pool would be built in a floating steel bull rising and falling with the tide. A clear glass roof would slide open on sunny days. The project is the brainchild of Coin Street Community Builders an environment action group and developer, which is currently restoring the Oxo Tower on the Thames.

Urban perch for pelican

beside a city river. Normally only found in warm areas such as Florida, the bird is believed to have escaped from a collection. It regularly perches on the roof of a factory in Enfield, north London, to keep warm. Barry Smitherson, who runs a wildlife rescue service in the River Lea area, said: "It must have found things pretty cold in the last few weeks, but as long as it has a good food supply I'm sure it will survive. The rivers and reservoirs around here are well stocked with fish."



Solicitor struck off

A solicitor who took at least £44,000 from clients' accounts was struck off yesterday. Philip Graham Rees, 45, used the money for family holidays and to buy a car, Gerald Lynch, for the Law Society, told a solicitors' disciplinary. tribunal. Mr Rees, a partner of Bowen-Rees-Jones, of Risca, Gwent, admitted improper use of client funds for his own purposes and breaches of accounts rules.

Scots army marches on

The future of the Atholi Highlanders, Britain's only priarmy, is secure. John Murray, the South African s reyor who inherited the title of 11th Duke of Atholl, has written to the Atholl estates trust, saying the continued existence of the 85-strong guard is "imperative". Fears were raised after the death of the 10th Duke of Atholl last month that the Highlanders might be disbanded.

Arresting Constables



Two views of London by John Constable, which have never been on public view, have been bought for £82,000 by an anonymous collector at Phillips in London. The pencil drawings of a windmill at Barnes in 1818 (detail above); and the Thames waterfront and the "new". Waterloo Bridge in 1817 were given by Constable's grandson Hugh to a cousin and remained in the family.

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Orde Wingate's son to sell war papers and medals

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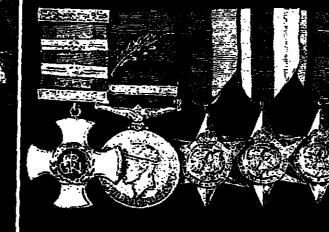
THE son of Major-General Orde Wingate, whose behind the lines operations turned the tide of the Second World War in Burma, is selling his father's collection of medals and papers. They are expected to fetch more than

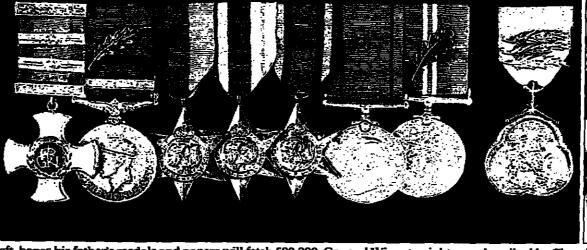
Decorations to be sold at auction include General Wingate's triple DSO, one of only 30 awarded during the Second World War. Other items to come under that hammer at Sotheby's on April 11 include his service revolver and helmet, found in the wreckage of an aircraft when Wingate was killed in northern Assam in March 1944.

The medals are expected to make at least £50,000 and the papers relating to Wingate's service, including the founding of his Chindits, a further £40,000 at a specialist literary sale on July

Colonel Orde Wingate, the general's son, said yesterday that he would have preferred to have donated the collection to the Imperial War Museum. "But it is unfortunately not a perfect world







Colonel Orde Wingate, left, hopes his father's medals and papers will fetch £90,000. General Wingate, right, was described by Churchill as a man of genius

and I find myself in a position where I must sell them; I need

I hope the museum or some similar body will come and buy them, put them on display, and make the archive available to those who want to write about my father in the future." Colonel

Wingate, who was a major in the Royal Artillery, his father's old regiment, until 1978, said he had contacted members of the family and they understood his decision to sell.

General Wingate was born in India and brought up in a strictly

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household. He was revered by his men but had repeated clashes with senior generals, details of which emerge from his papers. He was an undoubted thorn in the flesh of his superiors.

Experience in Palestine and Abvssinia before the war led to the development of his tactics for

deep penetration behind enemy lines, which he used to great effect in Burma.

He was the first to realise the potential of direct air support in place of artillery in jungle war-fare, tactics he employed in the Chindit campaign against the occupying Japanese. Although

fewer than 900 of the 2,000 men who took part in the first operation in 1943 survived, better supplies and air support on his second thrust a year later ensured greater success and took

the enemy by surprise.
David Erskine-Hill, medal specialist at Sotheby's, said yester-

Wingate single-handedly turned the tide of war in Burma. At the time we had lost Hong Kong and Singapore, and the Japanese were at the gates of India. Morale was low but he said the

enemy was not invincible. He trained men to be better jungle fighters than they were. Churchill described him as a man of genius who might well have become a

man of destiny."

Peter Beal, manuscript expert Sotheby's who is cataloguing the general's papers, said: "Wingate was an incredible character who did not beat about the bush. He told people exactly what he thought, and you can see exactly how he got the generals' backs things done that you wouldn't do by pussylooting around. He was obviously a great leader and an outstanding man; that comes through vividly."

Mountbatten, a great support-er, once told Wingate that he should not be fighting people on his own side as well as the enemy. "It's all here — the planning, the campaigns, the confrontations; it is a remarkable property." Dr Beal said.

Officer honoured for UN bravery

By JOHN YOUNG

A BRITISH Army officer who saved the life of a Canadian colleague in Croatia last year was presented with the Medal of Bravery by the Governor-General of Canada, Roméo LeBlanc, in London yesterday. It was the first time that a Governor-General, the Queen's representative, had presented such an award outside Canada.

Major Toby Bridge of The King's Royal Hussars was serving with the United Nations Protection Force last September when the vehicle in which he and Major Bruce Henwood of the Canadian Army and a Dutch colleague were travelling struck an anti-



Bridge: crawled back through minefield

tank mine. The blast left the three men unconscious and surrounded by unexploded

The citation states that upon regaining consciousness, Major Bridge administered aid to the badly injured Canadian team leader, thus saving his life. He then led the Dutch officer, Captain Wiedra, who was in severe shock, through the minefield to safety.

"Major Bridge then re-entered the unmarked minefield, crawled back through the wreckage to the team leader. and brought him to safety," the citation says. Throughout he tried to calm and reassure the severely wounded men. who were later brought to the hospital where they were ccessfully treated."

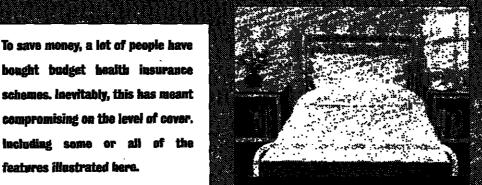
Major Henwood, who lost both legs in the explosion, said yesterday: "Toby Bridge singlehandedly rescued me and Captain Wiedra. If it had not been for him I would surely have died. Toby did not have to be there. He only came along for the ride."

Major Bridge said the prior ity had been to give Major Henwood first aid. "I was very lucky. I had moved to the seat behind the driver purely out of vanity because I wanted to improve my suntan.

Mr LeBlanc said that Canada wished to honour a British officer for a special act of bravery. Peacekeeping requires a lonely courage.

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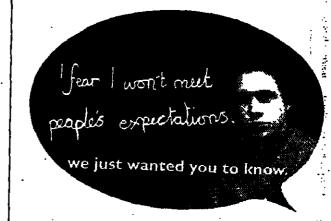
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wan's first presidential elec-

PEKING accused America yesterday of gross interference in its internal affairs and a dangerous climate of war hysteria seemed to be developing as China began a fresh round of exercises in the Taiwan Strait.

The latest manoeuvres are being held closer than ever to Taiwanese territory in the northwest area of the strait. William Perry, the US De-

fence Secretary, in a fresh warning to Peking not to attack Taiwan, said: "America has the best damned navy in the world, and no one should ever forget that."

Mr Perry's speech to members of Congress, and American-Taiwanese talks on a reported request by Taipei for submarines and other arms, came as the United States sent two aircraft carriers into the

Peking should know — and this [American armada] will

tion, on Saturday, involve air, MANOEUVEES sea and ground forces. Earlier live-fire exercises in the southwestern area of the strait are they are a great military power, the premier, the strondue to end today.

gest military power, in the western Pacific is the United late landings on terrain similar to Taiwan's, although they States," Mr Perry said. However, Winston Lord. are designed principally to put pressure on voters not to US Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and the support political figures like Pacific, took a different tack. President Lee Teng-hui, frontemphasising America's confirunner in the elections, who is considered in Peking to favour dence that, although the situation was fraught with danger. the independence of Taiwan which China regards as a "we are not on the brink of

Reporting the start of the new Chinese manoeuvres yes-A new climate of hysteria, which some diplomats in Peterday, residents in Pingtan. king feared could lead accithe Chinese headquarters for dentally into military action. seemed to be growing. It included unconfirmed reports that the carrier USS Nimitz. the exercises, said there had been artillery fire during a mock battle to capture a which presumably carries nuclear weapons and is now deserted island and warplanes on her way to the area, might The exercises, the third set force her way into the strait to be held in less than two

despite warnings this week by

Li Peng, the Chinese Prime

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renegade province.



Residents of Tungchu, in the Mat-su group, prepare for evacuation from their island home yesterday as more Chinese military exercises get under way

Minister, to the Americans to keep out. On the question of the possibility of the Nimitz sail-

ing through the strait, the

Foreign Ministry said: "We

would like to express displea-

sure to the United States for grossly interfering in China's internal affairs and brazenly showing its force there [in the strait]. The US must immediately stop its activities de-

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internal affairs and to intensifv tension in the Taiwan Strait area." The official repeated an earlier statement that Taiwan was a part of China, not a protectorate of

America has deployed warships east of Taiwan in response to the tension in the 125-mile-wide strait, spurred by the Chinese war games. Aircraft from the carrier USS Independence made training flights vesterday.

In Peking, the Foreign Min-istry also confirmed that a meeting was planned between the Chinese Foreign Minister. Qian Qichen, and hìs American counterpart, Warren Christopher. The US State Department said last night

troubled Sino-American rela-☐ Taipei: A Taiwanese warship rescued eight seamen after a 5,000-tonne Chinese container ship sank in the Taiwan Strait near the war games, the state television service said yesterday. Sixteen members of the crew were still missing. (Reuter)

that the meeting would take

place in The Hague on April

21. Envoys point out that such

a meeting last summer went

some way towards defusing

Presidential rival accuses leader of provoking discord

By DAVID WATTS AND

LIN YANG-KANG, the presidential candidate of Taiwan's opposition New Party, accused President Lee Teng-hui yesterday of deliberately whipping up the China crisis.

Speaking at a press confer-ence with his deputy, Hau Pei-tsun, he said that if he was elected, China's war games in the Taiwan Strait would end. The two men, expelled from the ruling Kuomintang (KMT) last year, are engaged in a bitter ideological feud with their old Nationalist represents the legacy of the Kuomintang founder, Sun Yat-sen. They accuse President Lee, along with the United States, of provoking

discord with China. "Foreigners don't under-stand Mr. Lee," said Mr Hau. "What he wants is a long-term personal dictatorship."

Perhaps, the most bitter point of contention between the New Party and the Kuomintang is that Mr Lee broke a promise not to run for the presidency. He has al-ready served eight years, including completing the term of President Chiang Chingkuo, who died in office.

The differences between the two parties centre on the nature of the relationship to be established with the mainland, and Taiwan's future

social and economic policies.

"Lee is opening the doors to more influence of big business on government policy," said Alice Kao, a former newspaper executive and a member of parliament. The gap between rich and poor is getting wider. We wan spend on a bigger scale of social welfare."

The New Parisons stinging criticism of Mixter the country's first Tar born President, stems di his studied ambivalence on cross-strait relations. It es him of speaking out of h land but acting as the is a dyed-in-the-wool

"The people are fiving in very ambivalent society," sa a New Party supporter. Lee uses that ambivalence He says, 'I say one China hot-I'm not going to talk to then about that'. The sentimental ity of the people fits in wi that. They say, how can Taiwanese sell us out?"

But the New Party believ he has done just that, proing China into confrontation at a time when the relation ship was developing gradua ly, and without towards some form of unifica tion in the future.

Lin: blames President Lee for the China crisis

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Mandela granted divorce after judge rejects legal 'ploy'

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

A JUDGE yesterday officially ended one of the world's bestknown marriages, and further public humiliation of President Mandela, granting the South African leader a divorce from his wife, Winnie, who had failed to challenge accusations of adultery.

Judge Frikkie Eloff announced in Johannesburg's Supreme Court he had rejected Mrs Mandela's claim that there was hope of reconciliation, and ordered her to pay undisclosed costs. The plain-tiff [Mr Mandela] is entitled to a divorce. His claim is unanswerable," the judge said. Mrs Mandela, who wore a

Affair with lawyer highlights infidelity

By INIGO GILMORE

CENTRAL to President Mandela's successful application for a divorce from his estranged wife were unchallenged claims about her love affair with a lawyer 29 years her junior.

During proceedings in Johannesburg's Supreme Court, Mr Mandela told how a newspaper editor approached him in 1992 with a letter confirming rumours about his wife's infidelity with Dali Mpofu, a lawyer from the African National Congress. To his embarrassment, it also revealed details about their faltering marriage and about allegations that she used money belonging to the ANC

for her lover. Dated March 17, 1992, and handwritten mostly in English, the often hysterical letter, a copy of which was exhibited in court, was written by Mrs Mandela after a row with Mr Mpofu ,with whom she had been romantically linked for warning Mr Mpofu, then 29, that she would not be used by

modest mauve suit, kept her head bowed as the verdict was given and hurried from court. Minutes earlier she had made a bizarre attempt to block the divorce by dismissing her lawyers. Wim Trengove, Mr Mandela's lawyer, sprang up to denounce the oldest trick in the book.

The defendant should not be allowed to get away with a ploy as obvious as that." The judge asked Mrs Mandela to either call witnesses or take the stand herself. With tears in her eyes and a shaky voice, she said she could not take the stand and needed

legal guidance. "I am not the

Mpofu: hysterical letter by Mrs Mandela

him and accused him of sleeping with other women, referring to one girlfriend as a "white hag". "You have hurt and humiliated me as a woman," the letter said.

Mr Mpofu, who has never commented on his affair with Winnie, is said to be lying low. His friendship with her dated back to the months preceding the release of her husband in early 1990. He was one of the legal team defending Jerry Richardson, "coach" to the infamous Mandela United football club set up by Winnie in the late 1980s. Richardson was sentenced to hang for the murder of Stompie Moeketsi, 14, but Mr Mpofu's relationship with

President. I am an ordinary person, a layman. I am assuring your lordship that it is not a ploy in any part." However. Judge Eloff was unmoved and declared the defence case closed after Mrs Mandela declined his final

offer to take the stand. Mr Mandela's lawyers had argued for a divorce on the ground that the marriage had irretrievably broken down because of his wife's "brazen public conduct and infidelity". On Monday Mr Mandela stunned the court when he spoke of his loneliness after leaving prison in 1990 to live with a woman who never entered his bedroom when he

was awake.

Mrs Mandela's legal team presented an extraordinary defence, claiming that as a member of the royal house of Tembu, the President had to submit himself to tribal mediation to try to save the marriage. Under cross-examination yesterday Mr Mandela again rejected what he indicated was an attempt to stall a divorce.

Three times Mr Mandela begged Ismael Semnaya, his wife's lawyer, not to force him to divulge facts which would damage her image, while the defence sought to portray her as a woman who had suffered greatly at the hands of the apartheid authorities and sacrificed everything for their

Mr Mandela did not deny that she had made great sacrifices for the "struggle" but said other women had suffered more than she.

Mr Mandela told the court that on Monday night he had received a phone call from their daughter, Zenani, who was distressed at the proceedings. He said in the past he had reluctantly asked his two daughters to reason with his wife to end their marriage in a dignified way. They are very well aware of the problem that I had at home and they were very sympathetic, but of course, their loyalties are di-

vided. They failed," he said. for hearings over a



Mothers wait for news with photographs of the children they feared had died in the fire

Manila safety chief says fire-ravaged disco flouted rules

By Our Foreign Staff

THE Manila disco ravaged by a fire that claimed at least 150 lives had been authorised to hold 35 people, not the 350 dancers and 40 staff in the premises when the blaze broke out, according to Alfredo Macapugay, the city safety

President Ramos visited the scene yesterday and ordered a thorough investigation of what he called a "terrible tragedy". He demanded the arrest of the disco's owners if they failed to co-operate. "You better get the owners here for investigation. If any of them refuse, I order their arrest." the President told police offi-

cers accompanying him.
However, Hermilo Ocampo, one of the disco's four owners, told reporters that he was granted a fire inspection certificate five years ago. He said he was deeply saddened by the tragedy and vowed to help the investigators.

Dancers in the Ozone Disco

Pub in the suburb of Quezon City saw sparks and smoke moments before the disco was plunged into darkness. When they realised there was a fire and only one narrow way out, they stampeded. The disco's original fire exit had been blocked by a new building, fire officers said.

Some of those who died had been trampled underfoot. The bodies were so badly burnt that relatives and friends were trying to identify the victims from jewellery, make-up bags and shoes late yesterday.

Firelighters worked with their bare hands to separate the bodies. Many rescue workers were so overwhelmed that they had to stop for sips of gin. By last night only 16 of the dead had been identified.

Many of those in the disco were young people celebrating the end of the school year. Survivors said the fire ap-peared to have started in the disc jockey's booth, but radio reports said a kitchen fuel tank may have exploded. Others said the club's foam insulation had ignited.

Marvin Reyes, the disc jockey, said he saw the hair and clothes of screaming victims catch fire. His shouts of warning started a stampede as dancers and staff clambered over each other to get to the single exit corridor, where firefighters found bodies piled waist-deep. Other victims had been crushed when the roof

collapsed.

The fire broke out soon after midnight and spread rapidly. It took two hours to extinguish the blaze.

Rosemary Bacanto, 17, still covered in soot in a hospital emergency room, her right arm swathed in bandages, said: "We were just there to party. My two friends invited me to come along. All of a sudden the lights went off. Then we saw fire from the DJ's booth. I felt a very hot blast of air from that direction and all I saw was everyone running towards where we were and we were trampled."

Sudan's Islamic feud engulfs Eritrean exiles

FROM SAM KILEY IN GEDAREF, EASTERN SUDAN

iDRIS IBRAHIM, a Muslim scholar teaching children in the refugee camp in which he has lived for 25 years, gazed east to his homeland in Eritrea. "I can never go home. It is not safe for me, there is fighting"

A member of the strict Ansa Sunaa sect. Mr Ibrahim is also not welcome to stay in Sudan, under a modern brand of Islamic fundamentalism dictated by Hassan el-Turabi, chief exponent of a radical

version of Islam which has alienated fundamentalist regimes in Saudi Arabia, Libya and Iran since 1989, Dr Turabi has preferred until now to control the Government of President al-Bashir from behind the scenes.

This week, with the announcement of the results of Sudan's general elections in which political parties were banned, he is expected to take centre stage as Speaker in the A hands-on role in government for Dr Turabi is likely to make life even more difficult for Mr Ibrahim and the 10,000 other members of the Beni Amir tribe living as refugees in eastern Sudan.

*Our vision of democracy and Islam is to end the cliques of families and sects which have dominated the scene for hundreds of years and introduce grassroots participa-tion," Dr Turabi said.

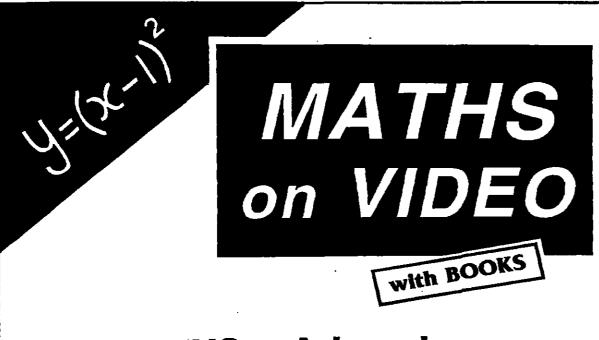
The Beni Amir, a Sunni tribe which migrated to the ago, fell victim to anti-Muslim Islamic, but it does not like pogroms in Ethiopia during Islam as practised by our

the late 1960s. Now they are blamed by Eritrea's Christianled Government for being behind Khartoum-sponsored attacks against Africa's newest independent country.

They are also under threat from Dr Turabi's campaign to stamp out their "old-fashattitudes towards ioned" women and their devotion to old-style Islam.

"Our schools have been shut down many times by the people." Mr Ibrahim said. Most of the Beni Amir, living on patches of exhausted land around Gedaref, one of Sudan's most agriculturally productive areas, want no part in the fighting in Eritrea or in Dr Turabi's crusade to spread his interpretation of the Koran worldwide.

At the end of this month Sudan will face sanctions for refusal to hand over three Egyptians alleged to have



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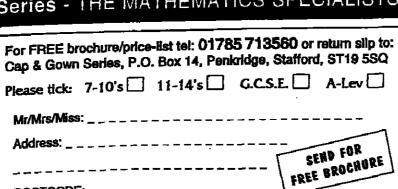
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IN WASHINGTON

WITH Robert Dole hoping to clinch the Republican nomination with landslide victories over Pat Buchanan in yesterday's four Midwest primaries, President Clinton set out his stall for November's election.

The President sent Congress a 1997 budget plan that on paper would balance the nation's books by 2002 while simultaneously cutting taxes for middle-income families by \$107 billion (£70 billion) and protecting popular social programmes from draconian Republican cuts.

actment. It merely formalises the last offer Mr Clinton made to the Republicans before their 1996 budget talks collapsed in January. It lets him co-opt the Republicans' balanced budget and tax-cut platforms while accusing his opponents of eviscerating education, environmental and health care programmes for the elderly and poor.

The Republicans want much deeper tax cuts and would cut more from the relentlessly expanding Medicare and Medicaid health insurance programmes, but they called the President's plan a fantasy you want a real balanced budget . . . I am willing to sit down with you, Mr President, any time you are serious," Mr Dole said as he finished campaigning in Illinois. Michigan, Wisconsin and Ohio.

Those four states were choosing 229 delegates yesterday, enough to give the 72-year-old Senate leader the total of 996 required to guarantee the nomination if he won them all, but three new polls stole some of the lustre from his achievement. A Washington Post survey

showed Mr Dole trailing Mr Clin-

because its spending cuts were nostly delayed and ill-defined. "If 35 per cent saying he was too old to you want a real balanced budget serve effectively. Most believed that Mr Dole had higher moral standards, but opted for Mr Clinton when it came to personality, vision

> USA Today/Gallup poll showed Mr Clinton 12 points ahead and strongly favoured by women and independent voters. For the first time since he took office, a majority, 51 per cent, said he deserved a second term. By 56 per cent to 40 per cent, respondents said the Whitewater controversy was irrelevant. A Los Angeles Times poll put Mr

nia, the huge state he simply must win to retain the Oval Office. As in the Gallup poll, that lead would shrink sharply were General Colin Powell to be Mr Dole's vice-presidential running mate, but the gender gap is even more pronounced in California, with women favouring Mr Clinton over Mr Dole

by 62 per cent to 33 per cent. Mr Clinton's worry is that Ralph Nader, the consumer advocate, will run as the Green Party's candidate in California. Yesterday's poll gave Mr Nader 7 per cent support which could be just enough to let in Mr

Clinton arms himself for welfare onslaught on Republicans Dole if, as expected, the California race tightens. Mr Dole's much bigger fear is that Ross Perot will split the anti-Clinton vote by running again, and yesterday came news that the Texas billionaire has let his new Reform Party put his name on November's presidential ballot in Texas and Florida.

Perot spokesmen said he had no plans to run and was merely a temporary "stand-in" for whoever the Reform Party nominates as its candidate this summer. But other political experts saw the development as the surest sign yet that Mr Perot will run.



Benin opts for former dictator

Cotonou, Benin: The former Brigadier-General dictator. Mathieu Kerekou, the first African leader to be ousted at the ballot box in the democracy movement of the 1990s, has been returned to power in a stunning upset at the polls.

State-run radio announced that General Kerekou had won 59 per cent of the vote, defeating the incumbent President Soglo, who had 41 per cent in Monday's presidential run-off. During his 17 years in power, the general's Government was accused of serious human rights abuses to opponents. (AP)

Mugabe named as poll victor

Harare: President Mugabe was officially declared the winner of weekend presidential elections in Zimbabwe in which he was the sole contender. Nearly 70 per cent of the 4.9 million registered voters boy-

cotted the polls. The election directorate told reporters Mr Mugabe was returned to office for another six-year term with 92.7 per cent of 1,514,061 valid votes cast. (Reuter)

Beazley picked to lead Labor

Kim Beazley, 47, was sworn in yesterday as Australia's Opposition leader and immediately challenged John Howard, the Prime Minister, to a vote on the republican issue. The former Deputy Prime Minister in the Keating Government was elected Labor leader after Paul Keating's resignation when the party lost the general election on March 2. (Reuter)

Thousands held in Middle East

Paris: Human rights leaders meeting here said the Arab world and Israel had more than 45,000 prisoners of conscience. Egypt. Algeria and Syria had the most. The International Human Rights Federation said the figure included 3,500 Arabs held in Israel. Egypt had 16,708 pris-

Koala cull is called off

Sydney: International outrage

Rao sets dates for voters' verdict on record of scandal

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA will hold a general election in late April and early May, the Election Commis sion announced last night. The poll will test whether the Congress Party, in power for most of the 49 years of independence, is a dying force after a string of electoral scandals.

The Himalayan state of Jammu and Kashmir, where separatists have waged a six-year war against Indian forces, will also vote. This was a surprise decision. given the level of secessionist violence and the certainty of a near-total voter boycott in key areas of the mostly Muslim Kashmir Valley. Voting will be delayed there until late May to enable troops and in. There is bound to be heightened violence.

It will be the eleventh general election since independence, and by far the most unpredict-able. Indian politics, always corrupt, has sunk in voters minds to venal depths. The entire political establishment has been sullied by a multimillion-pound corruption scandal that has led to formal accusations against one-third of government ministers and touched every major national

party except the Left. Opposition leaders claim that P.V. Narasimha Rao, the Prime Minister, has dirty hands. He has certainly been involved in some shady deals. but so have opposition leaders. The once clean image of the opposition Bharatiya paramilitary forces to move Janata Party (BJP) has been

200 hurt in Dhaka riot

Dhaka: Nearly 200 people were injured in battles in Dhaka yesterday as Bangladesh's newly-elected parliament met shortly after Begum Khalida Zia. the Prime Minister, was sworn in for a second term.

The clashes occurred as tens of thousands of opposition activists tried to march on the parliament. Police and paramilitary forces fought bomb-throwing protesters with rubber bullets, teargas

of Sheikh Hasina Wajed, the opposition leader, bombed a newspaper office and tried to set fire to the residence of the vice-chancellor of Dhaka University. The swearing-in ceremony

foreign diplomat, from the Palestine Liberation Organisation. Others apparently heeded opposition calls for a



Begum Zia: sworn in for a second term

people were hurt in clashes in the southern city of Khulna. The new session deepened a two-year-old crisis sparked when opposition parties walked out of the previous was attended by only one parliament, accusing Begum Zia's Government of rigging by-elections. More than 100 people have been killed and One activist was shot dead thousands injured in clashes in Chittagong, and about 30 this year. (Reuter)

smeared by corruption charges against L.K. Advani. its president, who has resigned from parliament

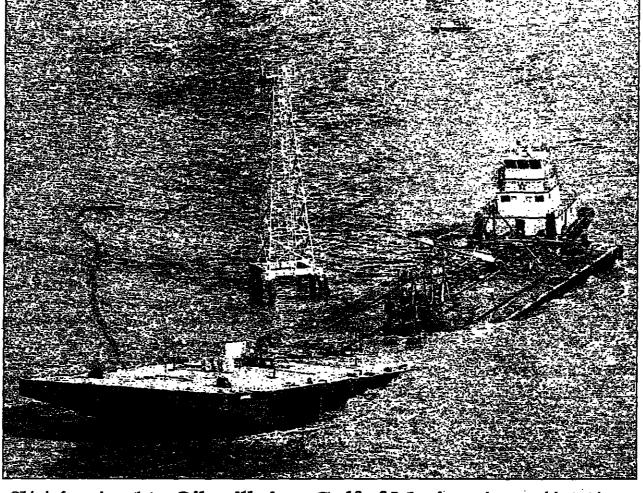
Atal Vajpayee, a moderate in a party given to extremist pro-Hindu rhetoric, will be the BJP's prime ministerial candidate. The outcome of the battle ween the two biggest forces in Indian politics could be close. Neither is likely to win a clear majority, leaving the National Front/Left Front alliance and regional parties as kingmakers. The BJP would find it difficult to obtain coalition partners; almost all its rivals regard it as a pariah for its anti-Muslim sentiments.

Mr Rao has demonstrated that he has many political lives. He retired after quadruple heart bypass surgery but was brought back to lead Congress after the 1991 assassination of Rajiv Gandhi, the former Prime Minister. Mr Rao, a southerner from Andhra Pradesh, has been India's least charismatic, least visible and most inaccessible leader. No one thought he would survive so long.

He did so because there was nobody more acceptable. Corruption scandals, Hindu-Muslim crises, leadership challenges and parliamentary votes of confidence have come and gone, with Mr Rao still looking solid. The Congress Party is strongest in the south. making it difficult for north-

ern contenders to oust him. un mese elections, uncians will vote in protest against corruption, which will dominate the campaign. The best the main parties can do is to try to convince the electorate that they are less corrupt than the others. Mr Rao will try to persuade voters that he has been rooting out the corrupt,

Court did that. Polling will begin on April 27, followed by more voting on May 2 and May 7. Kashmir



Oil leaks from a barge that ran aground in high winds in Galveston Bay, Texas. Workers placed booms along the nearby coast to protect it from a five-mile slick, but winds of up to 50mph hampered efforts to

Oil spills into Gulf of Mexico

contain the spill. The barge was carrying 714,000 gallons of heavy fuel oil. Dean Kutz of the US Coast Guard said only two of the 12 compart-

the barge broke up on Monday and he was hopeful that no more oil would leak into barge stood by to take re-maining oil from the damaged vessel as soon as the wind decreased. The Buffalo Marine Service, which owns the barge, said that it would

Raped coma woman has baby boy

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

A WOMAN who was apparently raped in a nursing home summer that she was pregafter being in a vegetative nant they presented various te tor ten yea birth to a son.

The infant was born nine weeks prematurely, but his mother remains oblivious to all communication. Doctors believe she is the first such victim to conceive a baby.

The 29-year-old mother from Rochester, New York, which is not true; the Supreme was said to be looking "very relaxed" after the natural delivery. However, the experience did not jolt her out of the vegetative state she entered in 1985 after a car crash. will vote on May 21.

When doctors noticed last medical options, but the woman's parents, devout Roman Catholics, demanded that the pregnancy should be allowed to continue. They may bring up the child, but would not comment on the birth.

When the 21b lloz boy is strong enough, DNA tests will be conducted to identify his father. Numerous male employees and visitors at suburban Rochester's Westfall Healthcare Centre, where the mother was a patient, have

include a former nurse, John a baby. They were expecting to Horace, who this week admitted in court that he molested a 49-year-old disabled female patient at Westfall. Horace. who lasted at Westfall for a month before being dis-missed, was jailed for six months. He has also pleaded guilty to posing as a sex. therapist.

Some four months after he left the centre, a medical orderly noticed that the woman's stomach was expanding. Preliminary diagnosis was of a digestive complication, and doctors were shocked when

The suspects are thought to they realised she was carrying perform a Caesarean birth in May, but the labour lasted for only an hour. Dr James Woods, an obstetric specialist at the Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, said the mother had "tolerated the birth well".

.The child has a partially developed lung but is breathing on his own and has a fair chance of surviving. His incubator stands amid the normal gaiety of a maternity ward, brightened by ribbons and cards. The mother was back in her hospital bed yesterday.

has forced Australian wildlife officials to abandon plans to shoot 2,000 koalas on Kangaroo Island, southwest of Adelaide. The officials had said the island could not support its 5.000 koalas, which faced starvation, but the koalas will now be relocated. (AP)

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Tribute to Jackie's true love from Kennedy survivors

Kennedy White House will assemble in New York on Friday to pay their last re-spects to Roswell Gilpatric, the former US Deputy Defence Secretary, who was hailed yesterday as "the one true love" in the life of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

Gilpatric, who died last week aged 89, was a discreet man who takes with him to the grave the details of his relationship with "Jackie O". However, his death has allowed a fuller examination of what he meant to the woman he escorted during her most vulnerable years, between the brutal end to her first marriage and her subsequent acceptance of the hand of Aristotle Onassis.

Manhattan newspapers yesterday described a love affair that brought the former First Lady a happiness she never found again after she suddenly left Gilpatric for Onassis. She gave Gilpatric no warning of what was about to happen, yet in front of reporters he immediately wished her "a happiness that certainly is entitled her".

A hint of their closeness was betrayed in 1970 when letters Jackie sent to Gilpatric in the 1960s became public knowledge. In one of them she wrote: "I would have told you before I left, but then everything happened so much more quickly than I'd planned. I saw somewhere what you had said, and I was very touched - dear Ros. I hope you know all you were and are and will ever be to me. With my love, J."



Kennedy Onassis: gave Gilpatric no warning

Gilpatric, too, went on to find someone else, but he and Jackie Kennedy Onassis remained friends, quietly, up to her death in 1994, although in her last years she was frequently escorted by the kindly diamond dealer. Maurice

Not for Gilpatric the mod-ern practice of betraying the confidences of a lifelong love. of disclosing intimate details of what Jackie had meant to him, no matter the riches he

could have garnered.
Samuel Butler, of Gilpatric's Manhattan law firm.
Cravath, Swain & Moore, said yesterday that his memorial service at a Madison Avenue church on Friday will be attended by Arthur Schle-singer. President Kennedy's former special assistant. Robert McNamara, Kennedy's Defence Secretary, is also likely to be there, and it is possible that John Kennedy Jnr. "Jonjon", whom Gilpatric treated with toys, will pay his last respects to the man who never talked.



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Kohl steps up drive for prompt start to monetary union

HELMUT KOHL, the German Chancellor, yesterday news conference called to set out the Government's position went into battle against inbefore three regional elections creasingly Euro-sceptical Germans, the British press and at the weekend. In one of the Social Democratic opposithem, Baden-Württemberg in tion with a passionate defence southwest Germany, the timing of monetary union has of the European Monetary Union timetable. become a campaign issue, with the Social Democrats If monetary union were to fail because of Germany. Herr urging delay to give job cre-

ation top priority. Kohl said, the country would Herr Kohl, who appeared to face "catastrophic conlose concentration several times during the 90-minute sequences". He seemed confident that Britain would conference, aimed his lance eventually join such a union. not only at the Social Demowhich he described as the crats but also Baroness Thatcher. The former Prime most decisive process for the present and the next century". Minister haunts the Chancel-The City of London will go lor's major statements about to Europe, and when the City Europe. If EMU were post-

goes others will follow, the chancellor pronounced at a would begin to doubt the Britain finds rare ally in Sweden

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

SWEDEN will be a powerful but reluctant ally to Britain at the inter-governmental conference in Turin next week.

On many of the key issues, ranging from European Union enlargement to reform of the common agricultural policy, this pragmatic nation sees eye to eye with Britain.

The Social Democrat Goverrument approaches Europe from a different ideology and historical tradition. But Göran Persson, who takes over as Prime Minister on Friday, finds much to support in the Conservatives' White Paper. "We do not see Britain as a nay-sayer on everything," Lena Hjelm-Wallen, the Foreign Minister said in an

But she admitted that Britain's intense ideological debate on federalism and the perceived negative tone towards Europe made it hard for Stockholm, as a new member of the Union, to make common cause in the run-up to Turin.

In Sweden, as in Britain, public opinion sees Brussels as a bogey. Rulings about the

curvature of cucumbers and the size of strawberries have

provoked anger and decision. The Swedish Government has full support, therefore, in opposing an extension of the Commission's competence. and in wanting to make a reality of subsidiarity - the taking of decisions at the lowest practical level. Like Britain, but for different reasons, Sweden is sensitive about sovereignty in defence and foreign affairs.

Sweden strongly supports EU enlargement — especially to include the Baltic states. It backs greater openness, wants to keep the EU open to the outside world, believes in greater competition and sides with the consumer rather than the producer.

Yet in other areas the two countries are in opposite camps. As Ms Hjelm-Wallen made clear, Sweden sees an EU initiative to reduce unemployment as the top priority and wants tougher environmental protection.

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future of the whole project. Money would thus flow into "The plan to create two million new jobs by the year 2000 depends on exports."

Herr Kohl said. Apparently unaware that Wolfgang Schäuble, his righthand man in the Christian Democratic Union, has been publicly musing about delaying the single currency, Herr Kohl said Germany's mission was to push ahead with all its

strength for a common

Herr Kohl said monetary union was not only about economics but also war and peace. "There can be no political union without monetary union," he said. "That was the fundamental difference between Margaret Thatcher and me." Lady Thatcher's disci-ples, he said, continued to argue for a separation of the two notions.

The Chancellor's disillusion with British policy on Europe has become all too evident over the past month. Some of the frustration was publicly aired by the Christian Democrats' foreign-policy strategist, Karl Lamers, at a symposium last week. He said that France and Germany had to cooperate more to prevent Britain acting as a spoiler during the inter-governmental conference. "The greater the determination of a small group to unify Europe, the greater will be the appeal of this union for other countries." Dr Lamers

While this fairly expresses the Chancellor's views, it masks a more serious concern in Bonn: the continuing inability of the Chancellor to strike up a more personal relation-ship with President Chirac and rejuvenate the Franco-German axis.

☐ Entry accord: Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister, yesterday agreed with the three Scandinavian EU members - Denmark, Sweden and Finland - that there could be no dilution of entry criteria for monetary union and that the January 1, 1999, start-up date



Hundreds of Bosnians, flying their flag, stream into Grbavica, which came under Sarajevo's control yesterday

Fires of hate smoulder as Serbs pull out of reunited Sarajevo

By Michael Dynes

War crime suspects held

THE city of Sarajevo was reunited yesterday as police of the Muslim-Croat Federation took control of the smouldering streets of Grbavica, the last of the five suburbs occupied by Bosnian Serbs.

Thousands of Sarajevans poured across the city's Bridge of Brotherhood and Unity into its once dangerous neighbour-hood, where Serb gunmen delighted in taking pot-shots at passing civilians in the area known as Sniper Alley. Almost 60,000 Serbs have

fled from their five suburbs in the months leading up to the transfer of power to the Muslim-Croat authorities. They looted entire districts and set fire to houses and flats, causing millions of pounds of damge, before their departure. Booby-traps and mines still litter the district, and less than 15 per cent of Sarajevo's Serb population now remains.

The federation police began patrolling Grbavica at dawn, enabling Muslim-Croat firemen to douse the embers of the sure that nothing of value remained as they departed. Apart from about 2,000 people, mostly elderly, who refused to leave their homes, Grbavica depicted a ghost town. The first task of the federation authorities was to erect a plaque above their make-do headquarters in an

abandoned pizzeria since the Serbs had razed the police station during the night. While a carnival atmo-

Vienna: Three men, includ-

ing one accused of running

prison camps, have been

arrested in Austria and Germany on suspicion of war crimes in Bosnia, officials

said yesterday.

fication of Sarajevo, the exodus of the Serbs was a potent reminder that Bosnia's once famed tradition of cosmopolitan harmony has probably been lost for ever. Kris Janowski, the spokes-

celebrated the physical reuni-

man for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, said: "If anyone thinks this is a success, that would be rather silly." He added: "Millions of dollars worth of propsphere prevailed as crowds erty [have been] damaged in

> another in Munich. Germany. The Austrian Interior Ministry said these arrests were based on cooperation between German and Austrian authorities.

Both the tribunal and Yu-At least two of the arrests, goslavia are seeking the two made on Monday, were conmen's extradition.

German police also de-tained a third man, a 28-yearducted at the request of the International War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague. old Bosnian Serb accused of The United Nations tribubeating to death five inmates scores of fires lit by Serb nal confirmed that one man and maltreating others in a arsonists determined to en- was being held in Vienna and camp in 1992. (AP) nal confirmed that one man

looting and fires, and there has been an exodus at a time when we were supposed to see people returning to their UN officials have blamed

both Serbs and federation authorities for their failure to honour the Dayton agreement's aspiration of resurrecting a multi-ethnic Bosnia-Herzegovina. Serb leaders incited panic among those Serbs who might have stayed, while the Muslim-led Government failed to provide sufficient security for those Serbs who wanted to stay.

At a meeting in Geneva on Monday, Balkan leaders agreed to a 12-point plan to bolster the shaky Muslim-Croat Federation and increase co-operation on handing over war criminals to the UN War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague.

Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, who chaired the talks, said the peace process was now entering a new phase, which is expected to culminate in free elections this summer.

EUROPEAN SUMMARY

US joins attack on Duma

Moscow: America yesterday joined the growing condemnation of the Russian parliament for its Communist-inspired denunciation of the break-up of the Soviet Union (Richard

Beeston writes).

During a visit to Ukraine,
Warren Christopher, the US
Secretary of State, gave a warning to Russia's hardliners that the international community would never tolerate any attempt to recreate the Soviet empire.

"Last week's vote in the Russian Duma to reconstitute the Soviet Union was highly meeting President Kuchma.

Gunman targets Russian banker

Moscow: Police beefed up security around Russia's Central Bank after an unidentified gunman, thought to have mafia links, fired at least six pistol shots into the fourth floor apartment of Sergei Dubinin, the bank's newly appointed chairman, in central Moscow (Richard Beeston writes). In the past five years, 33 senior bankers have been murdered in Russia.

Berlusconi may quit politics

Rome: Stung by fresh accusations of corruption and the defection of a top aide, Silvio Berlusconi, the media tycoon and Centre-Right leader, threatened to quit politics if he loses next month's election (Richard Owen writes). Signor Berlusconi, Prime Minister in 1994, hopes to return to power. As Forza Italia leader he still dominates Italian politics

Whale buried at toxic waste site

Copenhagen: A sperm whale found dead off the Danish coast contained so much mercury and cadmium that its intestine had to be buried at a dangerous waste site. The amount of cadmium was 20 times higher and the quantity of mercury double that normally found in fish. (Reuter)

Prince and the showman team up

AND SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

THE nephew of the King of Saudi Arabia went into partnership with the King of Pop in Paris yesterday as billionaire investor Prince al-Walid bin Talal and American pop star Michael Jackson announced the launch of a global entertainment company dedicated to promoting "traditional family values". Kingdom Entertainment

will finance Mr Jackson's concert tours and lorge a range of other entertainment projects including music and film production, children's cartoons, theme parks, restaurants, hotels and merchandising of the pop star's image. The two men yesterday

signed a contract to launch what they called "the most significant business breakthrough for the 21st century" before a packed press conference in the Palais de Congrès in Paris.

The unlikely partnership between one of the world's richest men and one of the world's oddest will combine the prince's business acumen and vast financial assets with Mr Jackson's status as a pop icon. The singer described the project as "a long-awaited dream come true," while



Michael Jackson and Prince al-Walid at the launch of their entertainment company in Paris yesterday

new partner as "a skillful businessman, creative strategist and humanitarian". The pop star said he had been inspired to become involved "in all facets of the multimedia explosion" while on tour. I was made privy to the heartheats of millions of fans who willingly shared with me their hopes, loves, fears and,

most importantly, their desire for a better life," he said. In what might be seen as an oblique reference to Mr Jackson's strange and short marriage to Lisa Marie Presley, one of the possible projects

Prince al-Walid praised his outlined yesterday was a "virnew partner as "a skillful tual reality wedding chapel" a theme park ride in which users confront marital problems such as infidelity, jealousy and misunderstanding.

Mr Jackson has designed a logo for Kingdom Entertainment made up of a sword (representing unity) plunged into a mountain (signifying humanity's struggle to excel) in front of a gateway (reflecting hope). The two men made an incongruous pair as they announced the formation of the new company. Prince al-Walid wore a sober grey suit, while Mr Jackson sported a

red military-style jacket with silver armband and gold

The American-educated nephew of King Fahd and head of United Saudi Commercial Bank has carved out a reputation as one of the world's most audacious investors, specialising in high-risk, high-return projects. Mr Jackson, who has settled child molestation accusations out of court, clearly falls into this category.
When asked about Mr Jack-

son's turbulent recent history the prince's adviser, Dr Khalid al-Mansour, said Prince al-Walid "would never risk his reputation" if he were not convinced of Jackson's "good character". Dr Mansour also said that the "most exhaustive studies" were carried out before launching the project, in which Jackson and Prince al-

Walid are equal partners.

The prince's talent for financial gambles was recently demonstrated when he bailed out the now-profitable Disneyland theme park outside Paris. Last year a consortium of which Prince al-Walid owns 10 per cent gained control of the Canary Wharf property project for \$1.2 bil-lion (£784 million) and he is also reportedly keen to buy the Savoy Hotel in London.

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The saviours of French chic

PARIS Iain R. Webb finds Gallic flair in short supply on the catwalks

aris is the capital of fashion. Everybody knows that. Everybody, it seems, except the slew of designers who paraded their autumn/winter 1996-97 collections last week in ... Paris.

To say that this season's showings were a disappointment is an understatement. From a schedule of more than 80 shows there were few to write home about. A mere handful deserve rave reviews.

Worth a mention are Martine Sitbon's Mitford Sisters silhouette (neat threequarter coats over knee-length A-line skirts) in a mix of tweed. leather, knit and velvet; the ultra-understatement of Narcisso Rodriguez at Cerruti. who offered slimline tailoring and black jersey evening dresses held up with slivers of silver: the colourful and eclectic ethnic looks of Dries van Noten: Sonia Rykiel's sexy black lace and soignee suits; superfine knits worn under military-precision cut coats at Hermès: the fast-paced show of Rifat Ozbek featuring flowing kaftans in sombre black or multicoloured jersey; and Peter O'Brien at Rochas, who showed only evening wear — La Belle Époque meets Em-

press Josephine. From the cutting edge, Yohji Yamamoto and Helmut Lang made great shows. Yamamoto layered long chunky knits in subdued shades of khaki, milk chocolate, grey and rust. Golden wool cut into giant-sized coats and military-style trouer suits and pastel-coloured fur trims gave a shock of the new to his trademark black and ivory looks. Lang also stuck with his clean-cut silhouette, colouring it olive green, flesh pink, canary yellow and black. Sequins worn under filmy knit dresses, quilted silky coats and a lacquered lace trail on curvy sunshine-

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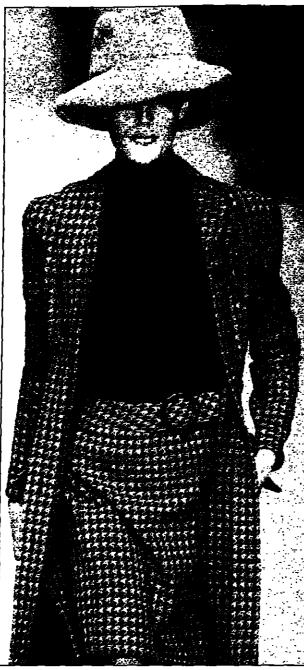
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VALENTINO: Tweedy suits are updated with colour

bright dresses added gloss to and frilly dresses at Givenchy, the otherwise strict collection. Someone should tell John

Galliano his clothes would be better served up in a straightforward manner. Both shows (his eponymous line and his collection for Givenchy) suffered from models who overacted in locations which overpowered. Did we really need to go to an industrial estate on the outskirts of Paris or a polo club in the Bois de Boulogne to see what were in fact fabulous clothes (frothy

tailoring sharp as an arrow-head at Galliano) worn by hammy supermodels?

It was left to three established names to bring joy to the fashion world. Yves Saint Laurent, Valentino and Karl Lagerfeld at Chanel offered much-needed Parisian chic.

Saint Laurent still makes slick fashion which flatters tunics over trousers, a leopard-print trenchcoat, little black dresses and sweeping black skirts which look equally good worn with sequins or a

suitably smart jacket. Valentino and Lagerfeld touch of glamour with lace shirts and Lurex trims respectively. Columns of shadowv chiffon were common to both as were fine sweaters worn as were line sweaters worn with sparkling lace skirts. Lagerfeld added military styl-ing, khaki fatigues and black velvet, while Valentino trim-med suits and coats with fur and looked to India for a finale of sari-draped dresses.

Paris fashion may not be in crisis, but this season it just







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Why are we so scared of the V-chip?

just no pleasing some people. By the number and volume of voices raised in querulous dismay at the distant prospect - remotely distant at that - of the socalled V-chip, you could be forgiven for thinking that what was being proposed was the greatest assault on reason, nature, free will, morality and practicality. You name it, this device offends it.

And what is, exactly, being proposed? That we should consider the possibilities and practicalities of a computer chip which is designed to scramble programmes, deemed by some agreed-upon ratings system, to be inappropriate for children to watch.

One might reasonably expect such an initiative to be welcomed, even if cautiously. There is as much of a consensus as there could be about anything that children should be protected from excessive violence, in life as in art. And yet any attempt to see how this could be done is met with contemptuous sneering: can't work, won't work, is the barked response.

But are we wrong, then, even to consider it? In a leading article in The Times yesterday, the V-chip was quickly, though calmly, shown to be flawed. That it certainly is. Perfect solutions exist only in the minds of maniacs. It is, of course, right to examine those flaws, because if they palpably outweigh the possible benefits. then the whole exercise is a waste of time.

The objections commonly put up, by all commentators, seem to be led by the concern that most parents aren't very good at all this new technology business and can't even set the video without their children's help. How, then, are they ever going to manage to wield this technological

Ignore the hysteria plans for a censorship button on your TV make good sense



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and secondly without having it turned fiendishly against them by their far more computer-literate offspring?

It is an interesting objection, though. For what it reveals is that behind most people's attempts at reasonable concern lies a hysterical fear of technology. This is a common fear, and the memory of abject terror in the eyes of many of my colleagues as newspapers were computerised reminds me how wide-

spread it is. People feel they can't use the new technology because they mistakenly presume they are meant to understand it. They confuse the ability to use a computer with the skill of knowing how to program a computer. I suspect, too, that people feel that a degree of

techno-ignorance shows a more cultured, rarefied sensibility. People really do boast about not being able to program a video recorder as if it reflected well upon them.

All you need to do is follow instructions, press a few buttons. It's not a very entertaining exercise, but it's not difficult. I put people who won't set an idiot-proof VHS in the same category as those who make it their business not to know how to put on a washing machine. It's easier if someone else does it.

The other leading concern is similarly tinged with paranoia. Might not the ability to stop children watching vio-lent programmes lead the programme-makers to be yet more irresponsible and insouciant about churning out violence? Well, possibly. But it seems to me just as possible, maybe more likely, that television producers might consider decreasing the amount of violence in the programmes they are making, if they feel that violent programmes will be blocked.

A censoring chip in the television set at home might jolt the programme-makers into realising that if they want their programmes to be watched by the maximum number of people, then it makes sense, it pays, to keep the violence down. I don't recommend muzzle-brained naivety (I am, after all, as cynical as the next journalist) but sometimes it is better to beguided by hope rather than fear, at least in the first

like the idea of some sort of censoring facility available to us, privately, at home. No, it isn't a perfect solution and no. it doesn't address the real issue, which is the alarming amount of violence-as-entertainment around (although it is to films, rather than tele-



Not in front of the children? The V-chip would enable parents to make sure that films such as Cape Fear were censored

admonishing gaze in this respect), but it offers a practical, partial remedy.

The technology is bound to improve, too. I am not so keen about some preordained system of what is allowable and what might not be, but just as Sky subscribers could buy

so it must be possible, with a are concerned. We can't be little ingenuity and the incentive to do so, to be able to choose to desubscribe to certain programmes.

Yes, feckless parents aren't going to exert themselves here, but the best we can ever hope for is to provide some tool, some aid, for those who sure of being able to protect our children from all unsuitable material, but that shouldn't discourage people from doing what they can.

There is no point being all-or-nothing on this one. Who wouldn't rather we lived in a there people

otherwise mutilated and killed wasn't seen as toothsome entertainment? But in the absence of a pacific Utopia, I greet with cautious but nonetheless welcoming interest a device which saves me from having it beamed, at

shot, knifed, blown-up or

Weak voice of the nation

THE strengths of BBC Radio are encapsulated by Radio 4, the single best broadcaster of programmes one's dial could ever fall upon.

I can be spirited away from it, but not for long. I like to listen to the radio when driving and find that Radio 4 is the only station I can think of which makes one sorry to end a car journey; indeed, it often keeps me behind the wheel of my car long after I have reached my

destination. But it is at the moment doing something silly: it is making a point of using people who cannot broadcast. There seem to be more and more of those little taped inserts in programmes, narrated by people who are unable to talk.

I'm not talking about regional accents or even, particularly, sloppy diction, but about the merest ability to project and modulate the

For radio, a good voice is not an extra, it is the basic tool of the trade. Every time I've been in the car recently I seem to find myself trapped by someone with a reedy. weak, unattractive voice, who reads a script as if he is reading a script.

Worse, those who are so afflicted make their inabilities more evident by filling their script with ponderous rhetorical questions, which they pose with a pantomime but still wooden attempt at an interrogative sweep, and selfreferential stabs at irony. It's embarrassing.

What the BBC has got wrong is in thinking that making the job available to those without the aptitude to do it makes it somehow more accessible. While it might do just that as far as prospective employees are concerned, it has the opposite effect on those who are its putative listeners.

It might well make the plumbing business more accessible if those without the aptitude, training or ability were allowed to ply the trade, but no one would want to employ a plumber who couldn't plumb. Why should it be any different with

Cape Cod's professor of cleaning

used to swell with pride when friends asked after her daughter's progress. "She's doing so well!" everyone would agree. These days, her mother is not so sure, for Louise has quit academe to become a charwoman.

As a career move it may sound like an old warplane, smoke trailing from its engines, plummeting to the earth. But listen to Miss Rafkin and you start to see it differently. Life as a cleaning woman is, she says, more satisfying than as a college lecturer — and more lucrative.

Miss Rafkin, 37, who vacuums in the Cape Cod area, took an MA in comparative literature from the University of California, Santa Cruz. Her thesis was in modish French literary criticism, post-Derrida. She became a lecturer at the University of Auckland, in New Zealand, Quentin Letts talks to an unhappy academic who found joy in

Her days were spent discussing Afro-American literature with undergraduates or debating lecture policy with colleagues. In the evenings she went home, stressed, to

mark essays. One day she realised she was not enjoying it "I really don't think I was a very good teacher, so I stopped," she says. There was still the rent to pay, so she became a char.
"I'm really good at cleaning. I am thorough and fast and I enjoy leaving a clean house behind. I keep my own house pretty darned neat."

The brush and bucket bring more job satisfaction than the intellectual life or faculty poli-

scrubbing other people's floors tics. "Cleaning offers more and later returned to a postangible results. If you want to get something bleached, it happens," she says. The

> operates, her earnings can approach £33 an hour. l leanliness really is next to godliness, she claims, "In the States these days, nearly everyone seems to have a cleaner. As a result, Americans do not value cleaning. They just leave a mess, knowing someone is

going to clean it up."
As a child, Louise dreamt of becoming a spy. Life as a char is full of secrets. She has found whisky bottles in the guest bathroom shower and behind the tumble dryer, and has swept up losing dockets from the floor of a compulsive gambler. From the debris of people's bedrooms and the contents of their bathroom cabinets she can detect the state of their love lives. "I know them even if I never

money is better, too. As a

lecturer she struggled to get

by, but as a cleaner, given the

food-mixer speed at which she

Couples sometimes argue in front of her — it is only the cleaner, after all — and she has been lured in to petty confidences, such as the times a woman lied to her husband, then winked conspiratorially. She is Mata Hari with a mop. Few of her clients are aware



Louise Rafkin earns more as a char than as a lecturer

her unorthodox career path, although once she could not resist scribbling some literary comments about a client's book collection at the bottom of a domestic note she left pinned to the kitchen door. It is not every day you return home to a note along the lines of "More Vim need-

ed for bathroom please. NB. You seem strong in Strind-berg, but deficient in Dumas. Please see me next time to ask for a reading list."

Not all clients want a char cleverer than themselves -once she was released from her duties by an employer uneasy about being upstaged

have been known to clean up a little before the char arrives. If the char is an egghead, that pressure must be greater.

And yet Miss Rafkin is no saint. She has been known to graze on the contents of an employer's refrigerator, and once, when surprised at work by a newish lover, did the A prudish male client fired her when, on a terribly hot day, he returned early to find her scrubbing the floor in shorts and bra. She has tried on clients' make-up and devised nicknames for some couples - the Shedders, for instance, are a couple who are both losing their hair.

Acquaintances from university days are told on a need-toknow basis about her new life. "I hesitate before telling them, even though this is a perfect thing for me," says Miss Rafkin. The family - mother is a teacher, father is a pharmacist and ber brother is a golf pro - are slowly getting used to her new occupation, though it has been "a little

awkward" for her mother. The embarrassment will become all the greater if she finds a publisher for her book (Dust to Dust: A Cleaning Odyssey). "I suppose it would be easier for my mother if I was writing a book about bird-watching or Greek architecture," she says. "But what you have to realise is that people I know, my contemporaries, are locked into jobs with £30,000 a year and two weeks' holiday. I can take months off if I want."



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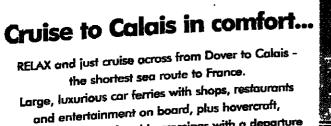


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Twinkle, twinkle, little star, how I wonder if you are

Barring accidents, I know what I shall be looking at at half-past nine on Friday night. This is not just because half-past nine falls between the end of Cybill and the beginning of Roseanne, when the only other thing to be looking at would be the ghastly Father Ted; it is also because halfpast nine is when Hyakutake, all authorities are agreed, will be looking at its best for those looking at it with, for the first time. the naked eye. Whether Hyakutake will be better to look at than Father Ted, mind, depends on one thing: it depends on whether I can see it. For seeing Hyakutake is quite different from looking at it.

I know this, because I have looked at comets before. Only last summer, urged on by delirious astrophiliac hoo-ha, I sat in the garden looking at Hale-Bopp. After a bit, my wife came out and inquired where it was. I told her it was there, right next to Jupiter. give or take the odd light-year, and pointed. She asked me whether I was sure that that was Jupiter. I asked her what else it could be. She said it could be Mars. I asked if it was red enough for Mars, because I know almost everything about Mars, and she said how red does Mars have to be, and since that is one of the few things I don't know about Mars, we came inside again and looked at Newsnight instead. This does not mean, of course, that I did not see Hale-Bopp. I may

Hyakutake should be easier. That is because it is going to appear just below the Big Dipper, and I know where the Big Dipper is. I know almost everything about the Big Dipper, and, as if that were not enough. I am constantly learning more, because I do try to remain at astronomy's cutting edge. Recently, for example, I learnt that the Big Dipper was not two-dimensional, as had hitherto been believed, at least by me: those seven stars, or is it eight, are not actually on the same plane at all, they are umpteen light years away from one another, ie, at seven (eight?) different depths. People on another planet, looking at the Big Dipper from, eg. above, would not see a Big Dipper at all, they might see a Big Horse, or a Big Banjo, while those on planets underneath it might not see a big anything, just stars.

have by the way, already looked at Hyakutake, but only through field-L glasses. Indeed, you may have done the same, because its accessibility to the hinocular was reported in Monday's Times, and you may have been out there, too, that night, provided your sky was as clear as it was, briefly, over Cricklewood. I don't know whether I saw it, of course, but one fascinating astronomical thought did at least result from the attempt: when you look at something, say, ten light years away through 10x binoculars, does it then become only one light year away, and, if so, do you become ten times younger while you are looking at it? I ran inside and put this to my wife, who said that you became ten times younger only to the people on the thing you were looking at. I tried to press her on this, but she had unaccountably gone back to sleep.

I cannot blame her, you are either oassionate about the heavens or you are not. For myself, they often come close to driving me crazy. They tease us out of thought as doth eternity, to quote the man who no less elegantly informed us that he felt like some watcher of the skies when a new planet swims into his ken, a simile suggesting that Keats had a considerably smarter ken than mine, otherwise how would he know what it felt like to spot a new planet swimming in it? How one envies him, standing on his nocturnal patio in whatever Keats Grove was called then and identifying all that stuff unerringly as it sparkled or flitted above him! Never mind simultaneously differentiating the noise of a nightingale from the welter of other cheeping coming off Hampstead Heath, I can just about do a cuckoo, and even then I'm never certain it isn't

somebody's clock. But for all that, I shall be out there on Friday night, suitably (in every sense) anoraked, a bottle of Glenfiddich in one fist and The Observer Book of the Night Sky in the other, looking hard at something. Whether it turns out to be Hyakutake, of course, remains to be seen.



Can Johnny Rotten make a comeback?

Labour isn't frightening

unch recently at a Tory newspaper saw its editor seized by a fit of morality. He asked his guests which party they thought ought to win the next election. The answer was eerily unanimous. Labour should. Views were variously that ministers were exhausted, Tony Blair's party deserved an innings. Britain needed a change of faces, and democracy required fair play. Nobody could think of a single reason for returning the present Cabinet to power.

Such arguments might test the loyalty of a philosopher, and even an editor, but they cause no trouble to a politician. There may be rumours of some ministers praying for an election defeat and a lucrative rest, but most would like to win. Government is more fun than Opposition. A politician may sometimes play idealist, but mostly he must play alley cat. Today is alley-cat day for John Major. The Cabinet is to discuss not lofty idealism, a referendum on Europe or nursery vouchers, but how to win the next election. It will discuss dirty.

An understandable recklessness is creeping into Mr Major's tactics. Two years ago, the ranks of London punditry declared that he would not lead the Conservative Party into the next election. He told them they were wrong by putting his leadership to the vote and winning. The same ranks had predicted that he would not win the 1992 election, for much thesame reasons as those listed above. He won 14.1 million votes, as against Margaret Thatcher's 13.7 million in 1987. Fighting is one of Mr Major political qualities, and he has not lost a

serious fight yet. Today he might be tempted to block his ears to his colleagues and heed only his intuition. So-called political Cabinet meetings are mostly a waste of time and often a shambles. They comprise a round of saloon-bar fatuities, with no competent civil servants present to make sure ministers do what they say should be done. Discussion is dominated by polls and the press, and colletive paranoia is generated on both topics.

The polls are now telling Mr Major that while the "feel-good factor" may have done something for Margaret Thatcher, it is doing nothing for him. The supposed equation of economic optimism with support for the Government no longer holds. It is an article of faith propounded by the high priest of Tory electioneering, Maurice Saatchi. that rising prosperity seeps through into John Major has only one hope: to create a specific and dire fear of what Britain would be like under Tony Blair

economic optimism and then into support for the Government. All ministers have to do is wait. Another article of faith, propounded by Robert Worcester of MORI, holds that this relationship ended on Black Wednesday. The middle classes no longer see the Conservatives as the party of economic competence. Those days are over.

At present the economy appears to be prospering and on a solid foundation, yet there is no sign of the feel-good factor (expressed as optimism for the coming year) rising with it. Certainly there is no sign of increased support for the Government. The number of people who

think the economy will improve is smaller now than it was in March 1994, despite all Kenneth Clarke's recent protetations. In addition, Labour's lead is back up above 30 points, aided by the disintegration - always dangerous for the Tories — of support

for the Liberal Democrats. in my view, little of this material is "news you can use" for politicians. The feel-good question is yet another proxy along with local elections and surveys of hypothetical voting intention) for vaguepro- or anti-Government sentiment. It is a message-question with minimal predictive significance. As David Butler wrote after the 1992 poll débacle, "any attempt to predict the future depends on its resembling the past", adding that "there is no reason to suppose that this will always be the case". The feel-good question was seen as a way round the implausibility of the hypothetical voting question. Yet it too is vulnerable to changing attitudes by respondents towards pollsters, and to any change in

the meaning ascribed to words. What do emerge from the polls are specific answers to image questions: such as that Mr Major cannot hope to appeal to the electorate's nobler sentiments. He is no longer trusted. Mr Blair is now the beneficiary of whatever

nobility of sentiment the electorate possesses, above all that of fair play. A Labour victory is beginning to connote curiosity, novelty, even anticipation. To some Tory voters, loyal for 17 years, the prospect of a Labour government is like that of a sneak holiday in Bangkok. The reality may not equal the promise and may not bear repeating, but time is

slipping by and you only live once.

There can only be one response to this from Mr Major. He must abandon any thought of fighting fair. He needs to tell the electorate that nasty things happen on holidays in Bangkok for which even the NHS has no cure. If the polisters are

right and nobody be-Governlieves ment's promises - on taxation, on school standards, on crime, even on Europe - they must come to distrust Labour's promises even more. The one poll finding that offers hope for the Tories is that the middle classes

are suspicious of Labour's pledge to protect prosperity. Mr Major needs to create a fear of Labour that is specific

ne of the many ironies of British politics is that Mr Blair has already anticipated this tactic and erected his defence. If voters are sceptical about Labour's fiscal responsibility, then it will be responsible or nothing. Shadow Cabinet members emerge from meetings fuming and declaring Gordon Brown worse than the real Treasury. Nothing is permitted that might risk the charge of higher spending or taxation. Mr Blair sees the danger. For many middle-income voters, Labour still suggests a return to recklessness, to the uncoordinated bribery of interest groups, to inflation and industrial chaos. Labour has paid Mr Major the compliment of pre-empting an attack on

its weakest flank. The Tories are vulnerable on this

tion for the prize.

score. Their Government is bigger than Labour's ever was, their taxes are higher, their regulators more intrusive and their centralisation more intense. But fighting dirty requires no reference to one's own record. Mr Major must simply ram home the message that whatever the voter thinks of government now, Labour will make it worse. (I recall a Jamaican election slogan: "So who you want rob you: me or de other guy?") Mr Major must revive the politics of fear. Here his capitulation to Mr Clarke on rate-capping was a tactical error. A burst of squandermania by a handful of Labour cities would have been a gift to 'You can't trust Labour" campaigning. I am told Labour strategists broke open the champagne when Mr Clarke and the Policy Unit won this battle against Michael Heseltine and the libertarians.

The lesson of electioneering the world over is that the effective campaign is the negative one. If Mr Major is to have any hope of success, a black cloud must gather over the branch on which Mr Blair's smile is now sitting. He will have to conjure an image of a Blairite Britain in which every job is threatened by positive discrimination, every school by political correctness, every marriage by pension splitting. He has to resurrect the dark demons of the North, the council union bosses, the direct labour mafias, Red Ted and Red Ken, the Greenham Common women, the students who demand grants with menaces and throw paint. New Labour must be called old Labour, because the Shadow Cabinet is old Labour. The tale of winter 1978-79 must be retold. Twenty-five per cent inflation must be recalled. These veterans must all be conscripted to the colours. As Mr Major inspects their ranks, he must hope they scare the

enemy more than him. In the 1950s, the Tories portrayed Labour as a party of prewar prejudice and postwar austerity. When Wilson declared his own new Labour in 1963, the Conservatives derided it as old Labour in disguise — and almost won the 1964 election. Labour scraped home. After six years of government, the charge was widely recognised as true, and the Tories returned to power. Mr Major has to portray new Labour as the party of the Seventies, because he now cannot afford to do otherwise. This is the most plausible fear, the politics of the big scare

And if the tactic does not work for the next election, it should at least set things up for the one after that.

EU law must be disobeyed

Nicholas Budgen on

Europe's would-be

supreme court

n Thursday, the Commons will look again at the Government's modest proposals for the intergovernmental conference on Europe. Discussion of the recent White Paper shows how little room there is for manoeuvre. There will be even less room if Britain makes further concessions and compromises. So how do we loosen our ties with a half-federal Europe? It seems to me that the most likely and most effective means is by disobeying the European Court of

The most fundamental British repudiation of EU law so far occurred over the anon of EO law so lat occurred over the use of the drug Emtryl in game birds. In January, Austin Mitchell asked the Minister of Agriculture what plans he had to enforce a regulation banning the use of Emtryl in treating game birds. To which the minister replied: "The UK believes that such products can be used safely and, pending discussions with the European Commission, no action has been taken to withdraw the marketing authorisation for them."

This is believed to be the first time that the British Government has publicly said that it is prepared to ignore a European law. It may be that other EU countries turn a blind eye to European legislation, but in the past the British have been scrupulous in treating Euro-pean law with the same importance as domestic law.

et we have recently seen a number of important expressions of a new Anitude. Patrick Jenkin asked Nicholas Soames: "On what basis does my honourable friend suppose that the provisions of the EC Equal Treatment Directive do not apply to the Armed Forces?" Soames replied: "I'm sorry but this EC nonsense is way beyond me. I do not understand."

Tony Baldry, the Fisheries Minister, described the recent decision of the European Court in the Factortame case as "crazy". Norman Lamont described the same decision, albeit with a little circumlocution, as "balls". In an interview in The Times, John Redwood said: "I would like the Government to assert parliamentary independence . . . It should say that on this occasion we are

not complying with the judgment." Last week the Prime Minister called European legislation such as the Work. ing Time Directive "ludicrous". He spoke of European "stupidities" and "nonsense". Yesterday he attacked the European Court for beginning to become a European "supreme court", and in reply to Mr Redwood he left open the oossibility that Britain might disobey its rulings if the social chapter is forced upon us under the health and safety provisions of the EU treaties.

There are many reasons to respect the law. A most important reason is selfinterest. We obey the laws which protect others because we hope that others in their turn will obey laws which protect us. But the Italians failed for a long time to implement the system of milk quotas. and when they were fined by the court they refused to pay the fine. I doubt whether the rule of law is frequently discussed in the taverns of Sicily.

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n our parliamentary system, law can and should be made slowly and with every opportunity for interested parties to influence the result by discussion and argument. If we fail under our system, we at least believe that our arguments have been heard and may even prevail in the future.

But the procedure by which European law is made is quite different. The Commission proposes the legislation. The Council of Ministers has a right to object and amend. In practice, the law-making procedure is private, arbitrary and unjust. The citizen of Europe feels he has no

control over his European masters. There is also no fear of enforcement. There are no EU policemen, no EU army. If you claim for too many ewes under the sheep regime, you may have your collar felt by the British police. But if the British Government fails to implement the regime, there are no Euro-police to enforce the law against either our Government or the subjects of the Queen. Above all, there is no Euroarmy to enforce a law against a member state. We cannot have in Europe the

equivalent of the American Civil War. What this year's inter-governmental conference (IGC) will demonstrate is that there is no proper procedure in Europe for the amendment of treaties. When people disapprove of a British law, they can work through our system to change it. This is part of the system of consent to democracy.

On March 5. Douglas Hogg promised: "In particular, we shall be exploring at the IGC whether there are treaty changes which could be made which would help to ensure that the fishing opportunities arising from national quotas provide real benefit to the fishing communities of the flag member state." But we must expect that the Spanish will veto any such proposals. In any event, the conference is not a fundamental review of the treaties; it is a mere "5,000-

mile service" for Maastricht. The EU is at present a half-formed federal structure. It offers neither sovereignty to the member state, nor a system of defined roles and checks and balances. If we cannot change the treaty, we can at least defy the judicial messengers. It may be dangerous to defy the court. But it may be the only way to demonstrate that we want a looser relationship with our European friends.

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Pope eternal

ALEXANDER POPE'S grotto, the network of dank, subterranean caverns where the great poet and satirist went to write and brood, is up for sale. Arguably the most important artificial hideaway in literary history lies underneath St Catherine's Convent in Twickenham, which is being sold by the Sisters of Mercy for £1.5 million.

The decision to sell the convent. which stands on the site of Pope's villa, has prompted a race to secure the Thames-side property as a museum in his memory. A number of parties are understood to have plans to redevelop the site. but the Thames Landscape Strategy Partnership has proposed an international landscape study centre as the centrepiece of a bid for more than £20 million of millennium cash.

"It is the greatest grotto in the world," says Kim Wilkie, who drew up the scheme. "In many ways it is where the landscape movement began. Pope sat in there and came up with the ideas of man and nature and man and



Far from grotty: the Twickenham addition

place which have stayed with us ever since."

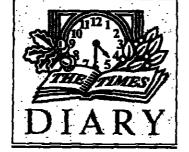
Pope lined the walls of the grotto with semi-precious stones, shells and mirrors, and it was here that he liked to entertain his friend Jonathan Swift. The villa itself was torn down in the last century when the owner got fed up with the constant procession of gawping Popeians.

 She may be feeling the pinch at the moment, but the Duchess of York splashed out on a swimmingpool party on Monday for Princess Eugenie's sixth birthday. Fergie and friends took 30 children to a water park in Bracknell, Berkshire, where the children frolicked with the public. The Duchess was unusually restrained and decided to forgo a swim. but the detectives dived in.

Peace envoys

CHURCHES in London and Chichester will echo to the sweet oriental tones of the 40-strong Hiro-shima Boys' Choir, which is visiting Britain for the first time at the end of the month. The choir, dedicated to world friendship and peace, has a wide repertoire, from native nursery rhymes to European classics, and is renowned for its version of Yesterday.

"Their Japanese inflection is a



delight," says Gordon Hazzard, an organiser of the visit. "It's a bit like hearing an attractive French girl talking in English."

 The inquiry into how Yorkshire Water dealt with last summers drought was temporarily delayed yesterday when the company's managing director, Trevor Newton, pointed to the tumbler by his side and announced that he had run out of water.

Sweaty issue

MICHAEL HOWARD is to have a smart addition to his wardrobe. The dapper Home Secretary has won a spanking new sweatshirt for having the star letter in the homeless magazine The Big Issue. He wrote a lengthy missive on

the Government's new procedures

for asylum-seekers - so lengthy

"I'm sorry, they are made

the cricket establishment since the decision in 1993 to rename the hostelry Natterjacks at the Bat & Ball and promote it as a restaurant. The Bat & Ball Cricket Club.

which boasts John Major and

Dennis Silk, the TCCB chairman,

among its number, was furious.

and Brian Johnson declared short-

ly before he died that he would

never drink the inn's beer again.

Fans stayed away in droves and

now the owners, Allied Domecq,

have caved in. This week the

"Natterjacks" signs come down

ready for the new season. "I'm

delighted." says David Gower, a

regular. "It's idyllic and a visit is a

tradition of the English summer."

New innings

that it took up the entire letters

page and wiped out all competi-

THE ANCIENT Hampshire tavern regarded as the cradle of English cricket has been reclaimed by lovers of the game after a bitter struggle with modernising forces. The Bat & Ball Inn on Broadhalf-penny Down, Hambledon, which has been refreshing players since professional teams were started up in the area in the mid-18th century, has been out of favour with

Nomination

A CURIOUS thing about Peter Hall's production of the Feydeau farce Occupe-toi d'Amelie: while the play, starring Felicity Kendal, is to be called Mind Millie For Me in London, it is billed for its pre-West End tour as Emily Needs Attention. So are regional audiences being patronised? "Emily Needs Attention was the working title for the play," says a representative of the show. "The regional publicity material had to be printed when that was still being used."



NEW SWEDISH MODEL

Northern comfort for Britain at Turin

Winter still has its grip on Sweden, and the promised economic spring has yet to bring relief from the harshest austerity measures the country has ever had to impose on itself. Göran Persson, who takes over as Prime Minister from Ingvar Carlsson on Friday, is the man who as Finance Minister took a knife to the "Swedish model" to save his country from economic collapse. In doing so, he has so alienated the Left in his Social Democratic Party that only iron discipline has prevented a split. Next week he faces another challenge that could exacerbate discontent in one of Europe's wealthiest democracies: the opening of the inter-governmental conference in Turin. He and John Major may find each other allies in adversity.

On a large range of issues Sweden, the largest of the new entrants to the European Union, finds itself in agreement with Britain. Swedes have an instinctive distrust of continental dirigisme. Like the British, they are angered by rulings in Brussels - on the size of strawberries or the curvature of cucumbers - that seem petty, remote and symptomatic of an unaccountable bureaucracy's intrusion into the Nordic way of life.

Sweden is anxious, like all new boys, to demonstrate allegiance to its new club and a communautaire spirit. But it has a tradition of straight talking and plain dealing, not always appreciated in the more florid atmosphere of Brussels and Strasbourg. Unlike Finland, with centuries of experience in dealing with Byzantine schemers, Sweden, like Britain, has been outspoken to the point of bluntness. And unlike those states who remember Margaret Thatcher's negotiating style and retain a visceral suspicion of being in the same camp as Britain,

Sweden is pragmatic in its choice of allies. This choice, as often as not, has included Britain. The two countries see eye to eye on the need to reform the common agricultural policy. They want more EU transparency, rapid enlargement and a genuine single market. Neither wants more powers for the Brussels Commission. Both are wary of economic and monetary union and want a final say for their Parliaments. And, for different reasons, Sweden, once neutral and still averse to Nato membership, shares Britain's distrust of majority voting on foreign and security policy on matters of vital national interest.

There are, of course, differences. Sweden, with only eight million people, has made common cause with fellow-Scandinavians and other small countries in the battle against domination of decision-making by the EU's giants. It wants a tougher environmental policy, some extension of majority voting, measures to reduce unemployment and is totally at odds with Britain on the social chapter, which it would expand.

To the British Right, Sweden's convergence of approach is a paradox: in the Sixties and Seventies the country became a byword for nannying, intrusive social democracy at home, and posturing, self-righteous activism abroad. The lesson, however, is that circumstances change while national interests remain constant. Sweden is now living in a very different world, and Mr Persson has had the courage to see that the old model was broken, shattered by inflation, the weight of its social security burden and the new demands of European politics.

The Government has insisted that Sweden's economic travails - to which savage reductions in the welfare state are part of the solution - are not the result of EU membership. But the association in the public mind is indelible. As a result, Mr Persson needs to win from Europe gains that he can parade as the fruits of Sweden's changed world outlook. Like Mr Major, he has a pressing need at Turin to bring the EU closer to its citizens. Sweden is not a weighty member, able to swing votes or tilt alliances. But its influence reaches beyond Scandinavia; it contributes disproportionately to the EU budget; and it is thoroughly pragmatic. Britain was an early champion of Scandinavian enlargement; that commitment has now born fruit.

DOGS OF WAR

Guard breeds are not suitable as domestic pets

The ferocious mauling of eight-year-old Michael Swain by a neighbour's bull-mastiff highlights once again the urgent need for more stringent rules on the ownership and control of vicious breeds of dogs. In 1991, after a series of highly publicised and savage attacks, Kenneth Baker, the then Home Secretary, rushed the Dangerous Dogs Act through Parliament. All pit bull terriers had to be muzzled in public from the end of July 1991. By the end of November they had to be tattooed, microchipped, neutered and insured. Failure to comply incurred mandatory destruction of the animal.

But dangerous breeds have proved hazy to define. Baskervillian beasts are heard once more, baying through the fog of inadequate legislation. Caspar, the bullmastiff which lacerated Michael Swain, is a menacing hybrid. It is a cross between two ancient breeds: the mastiff, a dog weighing in at about 180 lb and once used for such unsociable purposes as ripping Christians apart in Roman arenas, and the sourmugged English bulldog, a stocky pugnacious breed, reputedly immune to pain and used in the past for baiting bulls. As a symbol of Britain's fighting spirit during World War

II, it earned its place as our national mascot. With an ancestry like this, the bull-mastiff, a breed developed in the 19th century, carries aggression in its genes. Nicknamed the "gamekeeper's nightdog" it was designed to serve as a ruthless deterrent to poachers. Once it clamps its jaws on its chosen victim, it is genetically programmed to keep them

locked. To beat or kick it, however hard, only makes its grip the more tenacious.

Guard breeds such as the bull-mastiff are not suitable as domestic pets. Yet they are still freely available for sale. Indeed, animals like Caspar - a'dog which has won awards and been exhibited at Crust's - are often

The ownership of savage dogs, as much as that of firearms or explosives, should be strictly monitored. Limp legislation must be redrafted, licences issued sparingly. Administrative measures should be stiffened until the conditions under which a dangerous animal can be kept become so onerous that only those provenly capable of taking responsibility for such beasts may own them. Insurance companies can insist that owners impose rigorous curbs on vicious dogs if they want accident cover. This, while ensuring the survival of historic breeds, would greatly reduce attacks arising from their predictable unpredictability.

Irrespective of statute, people know that does are dangerous and that children are vulnerable. All too often this knowledge has not led to responsibility. Per owners should never allow a threatening animal to run unmuzzled or unleashed in the vicinity of strangers - least of all when it is on the home territory which it is bred to protect. Children must be persistently warned that canines can bite. Parents must impress upon them that such creatures are as potentially dangerous as high street traffic or strangers offering sweets on the bus.

A SHORT LISZT

Symphonies should sometimes be sliced

Few artistic performances are as collaborative as the symphony, yet few artistes are as jealous of their individual reputation as the men who have to quell a hundred egos to create a harmonious whole. Conductors, whose success depends on the subsuming of individual temperaments in the service of art, are a breed not known for modesty. Claudio Abbado, one of the world's finest conductors, is currently contesting the decision by a division of Deutsche Gramophon to release a selection of highlights from the many Mahler symphonies he has conducted together on one compact disc.

Mr Abbado demands his interpretations of the composer's work be bought, and heard, in their entirety. But whatever the courts eventually decide, it would be a great pity if a legal victory for Mr Abbado deterred record labels from cannibalising for compilations. Mahler, like Wagner, has sublime moments, but some less accessible half-hours. If classical music is to reach the audience it deserves then anything which makes the masters more accessible should

be, like them, vigorously applauded. Compiling a selection of choice cuts to tempt the wary, or inexperienced, consumer is sound commercial practice, and acceptable aesthetic. An artistic antipasto can stimulate an appetite for more substantial fare. The most singular publishing success story of the last year has been the popularity of the Penguin 60 series. Bite-sized booklets have allowed buyers to nibble at great works, and having developed a taste for the author, devour the rest of the oeuvre.

Cherry-picking from Tchaikovsky and paring favourite piano pieces down to a short Liszt isn't just attractive to new listeners. It helps busy ones. Car-bound commuters are grateful for a movement that soothes them for the time they're in motion between business and home. Classic FM's success is built on filleting symphonies to fit the tempo of modern lives. Better by far that the radios of the restless are tuned to potted genius than aimless burble or empty pop.

There is another worry. The ease with which record companies can remaster and repackage past performances concerns some current conductors. Orchestras rely on recordings to keep going and if the back catalogue can be raided for new releases then where will the next contracts come from? The worry is natural, but misplaced. Once again, publishing points the way. The sales of cheap, and neglected, classics by imprints such as Everyman and Virago has stimulated the market, creating a demand for the more obscure Trollopes and every Edith Wharton. Easy access to past maestros should broaden the audience for all classical music and may make it worthwhile recording lesser-known works.

Connoiseurs will always regard compilation CDs as the Cow and Gate of classical music, a bland confection for immature tastes. But with the concertgoing audience declining, efforts to attract new listeners should not be pooh-poohed by purists. Conductors determined to ensure that their performances are heard only on their terms may find fewer willing to hear them at all.

ETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Implications of holding referendum on single currency

From Mr R. D. Bloomfield

Sir, On October 2 last you published 36 questions on European monetary union put by Lord Rees-Mogg, and on November 27 last you printed replies to all 36 by M Yves-Thibault de Silguy, European Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs.

it can be reasonably conjectured that nine out of ten of the electorate would, like me, be unable to grasp the complex economic and political arguments employed by these renowned but opposed experts. How then can it be (your leading article, "Referendum wars", March 14) "unthinkable to em-bark upon EMU without consulting the people first"?

In a referendum we shall vote for the wrong reasons. We shall be influenced by our likes and dislikes for various European peoples and their countries; by our concern as tourists with currency exchange; and by our comparisons from country to country of hotel, restaurant and supermarket

We shall be swayed by TV plausibility, soundbites and one-liners. In the referendum paper the big issues will be rendered down into simplistic forms so that we can put our crosses against them.

Surely it would be utterly irresponsible for this matter (again to quote your leader) "with enormous political. economic and constitutional implications" to be decided, or even influenced, by the prejudices and ill-formed opinions which would be expressed in a referendum.

Yours faithfully, RAY BLOOMFIELD, 17 Watling Street, Leintwardine. Craven Arms, Shropshire. March 18.

From Mr D. J. H. Price

Sir, It is a pity the Government chose as a title for their White Paper A Partnership of Nations. The European Union has greater benefits than that. Jean Monnet, one of the initiators of our European Union, said "We are not making a coalition of states but

uniting peoples". Robert Schuman, the political architect of the European Union, saw the development of the Union as a means to unlock the affinities and new potentialities of peoples that had for centuries been divided by war and nationalism. The advantages of the Community method of finding European solutions to common problems are correspondingly far greater than the classical concepts of inter-governmentalism. They provide a reservoir

of accomplishment and expertise which is essential for the future. Many national firms in high technology would not have survived the 1980s if it were not for European collaborative programmes which created European standards and encouraged a type of innovation that was impossible before. Nowadays many Britons can call on colleagues and friends across the Continent in a wide variety of sectors and professions.

Britain and the EU will not be able to tackle the problem of unemployment, for example, unless we build up the physical and intellectual infrastructure on a European scale. Internet won't suffice. For this we need strengthening of our democratic insti-tutions at all levels, including the European one.

Yours faithfully, DAVID PRICÉ, Vice-President, Robert Schuman Institute for Europe), 52 rue de la Tourelle, B-1040 Brussels. March 13.

From Mr George Walden, MP for Buckingham (Conservative)

Sir. Reading and re-reading Saturday's editorial ("Collective error") on a single currency I wondered: am I missing something?

Here are grave adjudications on how individual Conservative ministers should behave in a referendum on a project due for implementation three years hence, which will almost certainly be postponed till beyond the millennium and may well never be implemented at all.

The hypothetical referendum would be conducted by a government that would be only hypothetically in office at the time of non-implementation. and if it is, and should a single currency come about against all the odds, could conceivably have a different

Cabinet from that of today. Aren't we getting just a little ahead of ourselves? What would a psychiatrist make of a country that insists on squaring up fearlessly to a threat that is unlikely to materialise? Do we need a threat from abroad? If we are short of something to worry about may I propose our national educational underperformance? There, it seems to

me, lies the real "threat from abroad". I write as a sceptic on a single currency and a supporter, ab initio, of a referendum. But I am beginning to be more worried by the form our opposition is taking than by the (probably abortive) threat itself.

Yours faithfully, GEORGE WALDEN, House of Commons. March 17.

From the Leader of the UK Independence Party

Sir. For those interested in Britain's freedom, the only White Paper on Europe that will count will be a ballot paper with the name of their UK Independence Party candidate on it.

Yours sincerely, ALAN SKED, Leader, UK Independence Party, 80 Regent Street, W1.

From Mr D. J. Hallett

Sir, Matthew Parris (March 13) indicates that we may be approaching the time when the difference in Parliament will not be Left or Right but for Europe and anti-Europe.

Apart from anything else - it might be a little more honest.

Yours faithfully, D. J. HALLETT, 47c Marshall Road. Rainham, Kent.

A poor prospect

From the Vicar of Newquay

Sir, Why shouldn't Brittany Ferries' principal purpose be to "employ Bretons and bring tourists to the area"? (Pennington, Business News, March 15). I wish we had a company with the same purpose and success in Corn-

Here in this parish we have an overall unemployment rate of 14 per cent in spite of low wages and social costs. This winter, I am told, the male unemployment rate reached 27 per cent. We have just learnt that we cannot have a high-speed rail link with the capital and Europe, our road prog-ramme has been cut, and to cap it all we are warned that we must expect to pay more for our electricity and gas because we are a long way from the

Almost every other car in Cornwall bears a Brittany Ferries' GB sticker because they were the only company that re-established our links with our cousins in Brittany. Would we be so keen to visit them if we still had to drive all the way to Dover and back

If Brittany Ferries goes under, will P&O replace the service from Plymouth to Roscoff? I doubt it.

I wish Britain's business and political communities would sometimes look at things from the Cornish end of the telescope.

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL FISHER, The Vicarage, 41 Trebarwith Crescent. Newquay, Cornwall. March 15.

Signal crayfish

From Mr David Rogers

Sir. Sir Derek Mitchell writes (letter. March IZ) that he is puzzled by propo-sals to regulate the spread of Ameri-can signal crayfish. But what is puzzling about saving a species? Native crayfish are abundant in Britain and will be wiped out by signal crayfish if MAFF does not act.

Environmental concerns have moved up the world's political agenda since Sir Derek was in MAFF (1967-69). In June 1992, the US and our fellow members of the EU, in fact 153 countries in total, signed the Rio declaration which addresses the need to "integrate protection of the environment with sustainable development". Should the Government allow an insignificant privatised crayfish in-

dustry, which only turns over £100,000 pa, to extinguish a species for the sake of doubling its turnover? It may be better to be innovative; fund research into intensifying crayfish farming in its present sites, thereby allowing native stocks to be conserved where they still exist.

DAVID ROGERS (Crayfish project). University of Nottingham. Department of Life Science. University Park, Nottingham, NG7 2RD. March 14

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Fishing quotas

From Professor A. A. Dashwood

Sir. There is a good case to be made that exploitation of the fishing quotas allocated to a member state under the European Union's common fisheries policy (report, March 6; leading article, March 7; letters, March 11, 12) ought to be reserved for fishermen (regardless of their nationality) whose operations are genuinely integrated into that state's economy.

For British quotas to be fished by boats whose crews live in another member state, where they also land their catches and where the boats are normally provisioned and refitted, seems plainly contrary at least to the spirit of EU fisheries legislation. Quota-hopping is a legal anomaly

that ought to be corrected; one way of doing so might perhaps be through a treaty amendment, negotiated at the forthcoming inter-governmental conference, clarifying the notion of the right of establishment in relation to a hunter-gatherer activity like fishing. However, none of that is to cast

doubt on the correctness of the judgments of the European Court of Justice in 1991 finding the conditions of registrations in Part II of the Merchant Shipping Act 1988 incompatible with Community law as it then stood, and still stands; nor of the court's ruling earlier this month as to the consequences, in terms of state liability, of that incompatibility.

Mr Iain Duncan Smith, MP ("This writ should not run over us", March 12), would have Parliament pass an Act unilaterally and retrospectively depriving individual fishermen of any

rights to compensation they may enjoy in this country pursuant to the court's judgments.

His article was presuambly intended to shock; and it is, indeed, shocking that a legislator should be recommending the violation of the rule of law, perhaps the most fundamental value of our national constitutional order, of which he evidently sees himself

Yours faithfully. A. A. DASHWOOD (Professor of European Law, University of Cambridge), 2 Harcourt Buildings, Temple, EC4.

From Lord Mackenzie-Stuart

Sir, Mr Iain Duncan Smith is fully at liberty to disagree with the reasoning of the Court of Justice of the European Communities in the recent Spanish fishing case. He does not, however, assist the debate by making snide remarks about the court.

The court does not sit in secret. Its hearings are open to the public. Its full, some might even say verbose, iudgments are there for all to read.

As for the court's seeing "its role as the interpreter of the European treaties between the inter-governmental conferences", that is the role of the court at all times, a role given to it by Article 164 of the Treaty of Rome and agreed by a Conservative Government in the Accession Treaty of 1971.

Yours faithfully, MACKENZIE-STUART (President, Court of Justice of European Communities, 1984-88). House of Lords.

Higher education

From the General Secretary of the Association of University Teachers

Sir, In one important sense Lucy Hodges ("Stepping out of the Robbins shadow". Education. March 15) is quite wrong to say that the Robbins report on higher education "was not a revolutionary document at all".

At its very heart was a principle that promised for the first time to open wide the doors of UK universities to a vast range of potential students: "courses of higher education should be available for all those who are qualified by ability and attainment to pursue them and who wish to do so." The power of this principle was that it made perfect sense whether viewed from the perspective of the economy or the rights of the individual. Its gradual implementation has only very recently been halted by the artificial capping of student numbers, on purely financial grounds, by the present Government.

One of the main challenges facing Sir Ron Dearing's review of higher education is how to revitalise and complete the revolution started by Lord Robbins. Yours faithfully

DAVID TRIESMAN. General Secretary. Association of University Teachers, United House, 9 Pembridge Road, WII.

Suffolk altarpiece

From Mr George J. Levy Sir, When 50 villagers - the total pop-

ulation of Thornham Parva - have to raise £60,000 (report, March 18) to have access to £168,000 from the National Heritage Memorial Fund and English Heritage to restore "England's largest surviving 14th century altarpiece" for their church and save it for us all in the future, nothing could better illustrate the absurd anomaly of the Government's insistence on partnership funding when the NHMF is awash with unspent millions from the National Lottery.

Yours faithfully, GEORGE J. LEVY. H. Blairman and Sons Ltd. 119 Mount Street, W1. March 18.

Master class

From Mr N. J. Starling

Sir, Bernard Levin writes (March 15) that "you would agree that [Tristan and Isoldel is a masterpiece of music. unless, of course, you don't like it". No. Sir. It would be most arrogant

to say that just because you do not like a work of art it is not a masterpiece. Indeed it is perfectly possible to recuenise mastery despite personal dislike. Just as, of course, it is possible to disagree with the contents of a newspaper column, while admiring the

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A suitable time for all remembrance

From Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Lake

Sir, It was poignant and entirely fit-ting that the nation should fall silent for one minute on Sunday to demonstrate its sympathy for Dunblane's awful loss (report, March 18); and how striking it was that supermarkets, stations and sports stadiums sus-pended their business at the time. Clearly this is the way that we prefer

to mark or remember loss of life. Is this not a suitable time, therefore, to propose that a National Memorial Day be instituted, when every year at the same time on the same day a minute's silence would be observed universally so that we can remember, as individuals, those we have lost, through natural or unnatural causes, privately, as a family, community or

as a nation. If it were a public holiday, perhaps instead of one of the two in May, it would help those who wanted to travel to a particular site or be with someone

special on the day. Notwithstanding the importance of retaining an undiminished Remembrance Sunday, it seems to me that

November II would be a prime and logical candidate for the date. I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant, A. P. B. LAKE,

Joint Service Defence College.

Pupils and faith

From Mr Howard Grace

Greenwich, SEIO.

March 18.

Sir, The Dunblane tragedy (letters, March 15, 18, 19) and the recent death of Philip Lawrence, the London headmaster, raise deep questions about society. The need, particularly in schools, is for a renewed moral and spiritual foundation. Yet religious education, which should help towards that is itself often a diverse factor.

As a general-studies teacher I recently visited schools around the country with a Muslim guest. Dr Yusuf al-Azhari, former Somali Ambassador to the US. I invited him to Britain to speak to 25 sixth forms about his experiences and present efforts to bring reconciliation to a country torn by civil

His father-in-law, who was head of state, was assassinated following a military coup in 1969. Dr al-Azhari was himself in solitary confinement for six years. It was a time of deep spiritual struggle, which eventually led to freedom from desnair and hatred. After being released from prison he sought out the man responsible for his suffering, the Marxist General

Siad Barre, and foreave him. In each school visited students have been deeply challenged by a faith in God that is transparently real. This may not be religious education in an academic sense but we all know that much-needed spiritual qualities such as love and forgiveness are caught rather than taught.
Dr al-Azhari and I have fundamen-

tal differences in our beliefs, particularly about who Jesus was. The idea of God being killed by men is abhorrent to him. For me the love of God portrayed by Jesus's death is at the heart of my faith and inspiration. But despite any differences we have I do not doubt that it is ultimately the same God we are seeking to access.

I am grateful to be able to work with people like Dr al-Azhari to heighten moral and spiritual awareness in young people. In the process I have been educated about the Muslim faith whilst being strengthened as a Christian through understanding more about God's forgiveness. Surely we need to move forward together to answer the spiritual insecurity that has arisen in many of our schools.

Yours truly. HOWARD GRACE. 15 Lewis Walk. Newbury, Berkshire.

After Dunblane

From Miss J. S. Parry

Sir, One service was foremost in the minds of the nation this Mothering Sunday, It is to Alan Hamilton's credit that his report (March 18) on the service held in Dunblane cathedral managed to succeed where much other reporting has failed. He showed an unsentimental and dignified understanding of both the grief of the community and the wider sorrow of the

Mr Hamilton's brief commentary raised the spirits a little after the media's outpourings of unchecked emotions at the weekend had encouraged one. in Matthew Parris's words (March 18), to "wallow in the grief".

Yours faithfully. J. S. PARRY. 4l Prenton Place. Handbridge, Chester. March 18.

No bark, no bite?

From Mr T. A. Davies

Sir, Your Business section headline of March lo (early editions) runs: Watchdog to discipline former Barings executives". Watchdog?

Yours faithfully, TIMOTHY DAVIES. 4 French Mill Rise. Shaftesbury, Dorset.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 19: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Governor-General of Canada and Madame LeBlanc were received by Her Majesty.

The Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Oueen this evening.

Mrs Robert de Pass has succeeded the Lady Elton as Lady in Waiting to Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

March 19: The Princess Royal today visited Leicestershire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Mr Timothy Brooks).

Her Royal Highness, President, the Rural Housing Trust, this morning opened Gretton Gardens, Wymondham.

The Princess Royal, Patron, National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, afterwards vis-ited Rutland Citizens Advice Bureau to open the new renovated premises at 56 High Street,

Oakham.

Her Royal Highness, President,
The Princess Royal Trust for
Carers, this afternoon visited Leicestershire Carers Centre, 58 London Road, Leicester

The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and Clothing Ex-port Council, later visited Towles. Queens Road, Loughborough. Her Royal Highness, President.

the Rural Housing Trust, sub-sequently opened Crawshaw Close, Long Whatton. CLARENCE HOUSE

March 19: Dame Frances Camp-

bell-Preston has succeeded the Lady Angela Oswald as Lady-in-

Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

Today's royal

engagements The Queen will open the new

The Oueen Mother will attend the

The Prince of Wales will visit the Appeal, will attend a concert at the

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Butler Trust, will present the trust's annual awards at Bucking-ham Palace at noon; and will attend the TRANSAID Board dinner at the British Railways Board,

The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit Munradtech Industries Generators, Gelders Hall Road, Loughborough, at 10.40; will visit Loughborough Sound Images, Loughborough Park, Ashby Road, at 11.40; and will visit Virtuality Entertainment at Oswin House, Brailsford Industrial Park, Leicester, at 1.30.

The Duchess of Kent will open the new Ripon bypass, Ripon, at 11.00; will open the Ripon Leisure Centre, Dallamires Lane, at 11.15; will open the new headquarters of the North Yorkshire Ambulance ervice NHS Trust, Ambulance Headquarters, Fairfields, Shipton Road, York, at 12.45; and, as Patron of the Choir School's Association, will visit York Minster Choir School, Deangate, at 2.10.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

March 19: The Prince of Wales today visited Minehead and Weston-Super-Mare and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset (Sir John Wills, BL). His Royal Highness first visited

Old Cleeve, near Minehead, and witnessed the handing over of the Old Orchard to the village by the Crown Estate Commiss

The Prince of Wales, President, this afternoon attended The Prince's Trust's "Superstart 96 Conference for Young People at Risk" at Pontin's Sand Bay Chalet Hotel, Kewstoke, Weston-Super-

His Royal Highness later visited the Mohammedi Park Masjid Complex, Rowdell Road, Northolt Industrial Estate, Middlesex.

The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Youth Business Trust, this evening aftended a Gala Concert at the Royal Albert Hall,

KENSINGTON PALACE March 19: The Princess of Wales, Parron, English National Ballet, this evening attended a perfor-mance of "Alice in Wonderland" at

the London Coliseum. St Martin's Lane, London WC2 KENSINGTON PALACE March 19: The Duchess of Gloucester today visited Royal Air Force Lossiemouth and was re-ceived on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Morayshire

(Air Vice-Marshal George YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE March 19: The Duke of Kent, Patron, the London Philharmonic, this evening attended the 100th anniversary of the Dvorak Cello Concerto, Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SEI.

Guide Heritage Centre, Bucking-ham Palace Road, at 3.00. Princess Margaret, as President of the Guide Association, will also

annual meeting of Queen Mary's Clothing Guild at St James's

Central Office of Information. Hercules Road, SEI, at 11.00 to mark its liftieth anniversary; and, as Patron of The Macmillan Nurse Albert Hall at 7.00 in aid of the

Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

Dinners

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

The annual dinner of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators was held at Draper's Hall last night. The President, Lord Mustill, and the Chairman and Senior Vice-President, Mr Brian Green, were

the hosts. The official guests included: Lord Justice Saville, Judge Esyr Lewis, Judge Ford, the Presidents and Chief Executives of Professional Bodies and Trade Associ Director and Trustee of the Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust Ltd.

The Institute of the Motor Industry

Prince Michael of Kent presided at the annual dinner of The Institute of the Motor Industry held last night at The Savoy after the presentation of the annual management awards. The principal speaker was Mr Peter John-Motors International and Chairman of the Council of the Institute of the Motor Industry, who at the end of the evening handed over the office of Chairman to Mr Ken Martindale, Chairman of

Lookers plc. United & Cecil Club Sir Sydney Chapman, MP, was the bost to the United & Cecil Club at a dinner held last night at the House of Commons. Sir Marcus Fox, MP. presided. Mr Gyles Brandreth, MP.

was the principal guest and speaker. Mr Christopher Fenwick also spoke.

Today's events

The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11.00. The Queen's Guard mounts at Buckingham Pal-



Once a molecatcher's cottage but enlarged by a Neo-Classical architect: Pembroke Lodge in Richmond Park

Barbed wire hides history

By JOHN YOUNG

THE future of three historic houses long closed to the public is under review by the National Heritage Department, lain Sproat, the minister responsible for Royal Parks, says their future must be assured but that they might need to

develop to meet changing needs. In a report last month the Royal Parks Review Group said that Pembroke Lodge in Richmond Park, southwest London, and Bushy House and Upper Lodge in nearby Bushy Park should be restored and reopened as soon as possible. Mr Sproat added his remarks at a subsequent conference last week.

Bushy House was the home of the Duke of Clarence, later William IV, and his mistress. Dora Jordan. The couple

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Dr Kathleen Dowling, of Lytham

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Mr Bernard Victor Drewitt, of

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Beatrice Maud Gager, of Bushey,

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Mrs Cecily Vanda Gibbs, of Ascot,

Mrs Kathleen Greenwood, of

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raised their ten illegitimate children in the red-brick Georgian mansion. Mrs. Jordan died in exile in Paris and he married the future Queen Adelaide. When the King died, the Queen lived at the house until her death in 1849.

For the whole of this century Bushy House has been leased by the Crown Estate to the National Physical Laboratory. The lease does not expire until 2055. which the report says is too long. The grounds are surrounded by barbed wire, ditches and warnings of guard-dog

Upper Lodge includes in its grounds the most complete 18th century water gardens in London. It was occupied by the Ministry of Defence until 1994. Now empty, it is surrounded by wire fences, keep out notices and an ugly clutter of utilitarian buildings that the review group says should be demolished. If no public use can be found for the building t should be converted to residential use. if possible with public access, the group

Pembroke Lodge was the home of Lord John Russell, Prime Minister 1846-1851 and 1865-1866, and of his grandson Bertrand, the philosopher. It began life as a molecatcher's cottage but was enlarged into a grace-and-favour resi-dence under Sir John Soane, the Neo-Classical architect. The building contains a café for visitors who walk through the garden to admire the views across the Thames to Windsor, but the rest of the house has been empty for more than 20 years. At least £600,000 is needed

for basic repairs.

Memorial services

Major-General E. M. Mackay A service of celebration and thanksgiving for the life of Major-General Eric Mackay was held esterday at the Royal Garrison Church, Aldershot, The Rev Ronald Owen officiated, assisted by the

Rev Colin Gale. General Sir John Stibbon, Chief Royal Engineer, read the lesson. Mr Peter Edwards and Mr Paul scholten, Mayor of Arnhem, gave

Among others present were Mrs Mackay (widow), Mr and Mrs Brian Watson (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs H J Shepherd (mother-in-law), Walson (other-in-law and sixel).
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Mr Tim Haddock-Mackay (stepson).
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and Mrs B Roth (brothers-in-law)
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and Mrs C King, Mrs R Matthews,
Mr A D Clover, Mr and Mrs J Chappell, Mr M Williams, Mr L James, Mr
and Mrs P Rogers, Mr and Mrs T
Hickman, Brigadier I D T McGfill
(Engineer-in-Chief, Army) and Mrs
Mrs B Holmes, Mr
Mrs Holmes, Mr P Marden (Royal
British Legion), and many other
friends.

A memorial service for Mr Anthony Bessemer Clark, former Managing Director of the West of England P and I Club, was held yesterday at All Hallows-by-the-Tower, EC3. The Rev Ian Thurston officiated. Mr Peter Spendlove and Mr Gordon Pollock read the sons. Mr Andrew Besseme Clark, son, read from John Bun-yan's The Pilgrim's Progress. Sir

Mr Desmond Shawe-Taylor

Anthony Evans gave an address.

A memorial service for Desmond Shawe-Taylor, CBE, Chief Music Critic of The Sunday Times 1958-1983, will be held at St Martin-inthe-Fields, Trafalgar Square, on Tuesday, March 26, at 3.30. Thos wishing to attend the service should telephone Mr Ian Coxon on 0171-782-5986.

Wing Commander R.A.B. Learoyd, VC A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Wing Commander R.A.B. Learoyd, VC, will be held on

Thursday, April 25, at noon at St

University news

The Oneen's College

Sir Colin McColl, BA has been elected to an honorary fellowship and Rosalind H. Gray, BA, Christ Church has been elected to a Laming Junior Fellowship.

New College, Oxford

The Curators of the Taylorian Institution of Oxford University have elected Tania Lynette Humphreys, a first-year undergraduate at New College, Oxford (Burnt-wood School, London), to a Kolkhorst Exhibition from Trinity Term 1996

New College, Oxford, has preelected to a fellowhip, from Octo-ber I. David Benjamin Goldstein. BS California, MS Connecticut, PhD Stanford, Official Fellow is Biological Sciences.

Cambridge University Dr Andrew Palmer, FRS. FEng. FICE, has been appointed to the new Jafar Research Professorship

gineering Department.

Society of London Art Dealers

Mr Neil Smith will succeed Mr John Sankey as Secretary General of the Society of London Art Dealers on April I.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.E. Bower and Miss P.C. Allbrook

The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of Mr and Mrs Chris Bower, of Cranleigh, Surrey, and Pippa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Allbrook, also of Cranleigh, Surrey.

Mr P.M. Devlin and Miss S.M.C. Begley

The engagement is announced between Patrick Miles, youngest son of Colonel Brian Devlin, MBE. and Dr Esther Devlin, of Mells. and Slaney Mary Constance, only daughter of Dr and Mrs Malcolm Begley, of Frome.

Mr M. Dufault and Miss N. Sherriff

The engagement is announced between Marc Dufault, of Montreal, Quebec, and Nicola, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Mark Sherriff, of Blairdrummond, Stirling.

Captain P.A. Gadie, RM. and Miss C.L. Ashley

The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Gadie, of Stockbury, Kent. and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.F. Ashley, of Great Chesterford, near Cambridge.

Birthdays today

Mr P.L. Glover and Miss L.C. Hawkins

The engagement is announced between Peter Lyle, younger son of Mr John Glover, of Bampton, Oxfordshire, and Mrs Rosemary Glover, of Ashbourne. Derbyshire, and Lucinda Charlotte, second daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hawkins, of Whitley, Moss Vale, NSW, Australia.

Mr P. Selinger and Miss A. Whitfield

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs H.P. Selinger, of Zurich, Switzerland, and Alice, daughter of Mr and Mrs DJ. Whitfield, of Chiswick, London.

Mr R.K. Swarbrick

and Miss K.M. Hainsworth The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Mr and Mrs Rodney Swarbrick. of Longridge, Lancashire, and Katherine, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Keith Hainsworth, of Scarborough, Yorkshire.

Mr D.L. Webb and Miss F.J. Page

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Webb, of Trelleck, Monmouth, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Page, of Saxlingham, Nethergate, Norfolk

Reception

Professor Sir William Asscher. Principal, St George's Hospital Medical School, 65; the Very Rev William Baddeley, former Area Dean of Westminster, 82; Dr Wendy Baron, head, Government Art Collection, 59; Mr Christopher Benstead, racehorse trainer, 67 Mr Anthony Blond, publisher, 68; Mr T.G.M. Brooks, Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire, 67; Sir Armold Burgen, former Master, Darwin College, Cambridge, 74; Sir Stuart Burgess, chairman, Anglia and Oxford Regional Health Au-

thority, 67. The Right Rev M.J. Conti, Bishop of Aberdeen, 62; Mr Charles Elly, former president, Law Society, 54; Mr Douglas French, MP, 52; Dr lan J. Graham-Bryce, Principal and Vice-Chan-cellor. Dundee University. 59; Mr William Hurt, actor, 46; Mr Spike Lee, actor, film director and producer. 39; Dame Vera Lynn, singer, 79:

Mr A-M. M'Bow, former Director-General, Unesco, 75; Sir David Montgomery, former chairman, Forestry Commission, 65; Mr Brian Mulroney, former Canadian Prime Minister, 57; the Hon Philip Oppenheim, MP, 40; Dr John Rae. former Head Master, Westminster

Mr Sviatoslav Richter, pianist 81; Lord Justice Saville, 60; the Earl of Seafield, 57; Mr Greg Searle, rower, 24; Mr Adrian Snow, former Headmaster, The Oratory School, 57: Sir Harry Solomon, former chairman, Hillsdown former chairman, Hillsdown Holdings, 59; Mr Tim Yeo,

MP. 5L

HM Government

Mr Anthony Nelson, Minister for Trade, was the host at a reception given by Her Majesty's Governyesterday at Lancaster House to promote Anglo-Japanese

Service dinner

HMS Victory

The Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire was present at a dinner held last night onboard HMS Victory, Portsmouth Naval Base. Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Second Sea Lord and Commander in Chief Naval Home Command, was the host. Lady Cooksey. President of the Southampton Olympic Appeal, attended.

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

The Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh as elected to the fellow-ship the following: ship the following:

Vitorio Bonomini, Italy: Peter Ivanovich, US: Hans Jungen Gurland, Munich; Brian John Kirdy. Exeter: Samuel Roy Meadow, Leeds; Bengt A Robertson, Sweden: David Lawrence Sackett. Oxford: John Holland Sadier. US: William John Gillespie, Edinburgh: Donald Angus David Macieod, West Johian: Jahn Geoffrey De Cormelle Chalmers, Oxford: David Nelson Churchill. Canada: John Anthony Winston Wildsmith, Dundee: John J Bosco, Kuala Lumpur. Emil Prestey Paganini, US; Ola Didrik Saugstad, Norway: Ahmad Sald Teebi, Canada: Low Poh Sim. Singapore: Thai Ah Chuan, Singapore: Hans Vredentijk Hogerzell. Switzerland: Christian. Paul Richard Speer, Germany: Jahr John Deary, Edinburgh.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Ovid, poet, Sulmona, London, 1835; Lajos Kossuth, Italy, 43 BC; Thomas Morton, bishop, York, 1564; Jean-Antoine Houdon, sculptor, Versailles, 1741; Johnann Friedrich Hölderlin. poet, Lauffen, Germany, 1770.

Henrik Ibsen, dramatist, Skien. Norway, 1828; W.J. Locke, novelist, Demerara, Guyana, 1863; Beniamino Gigli, tenor, Recanati, Italy, 1890; Hugh Maclennan, novelist, Nova Scotia, 1907; Sir Michael Redgrave, actor, Bristol, 1908.

DEATHS: Henry IV, reigned 1399-1413. London, 1413: Sir Thomas Seymour, Baron Seymour of Sudeley, statesman, executed, London, 1549; Sir Isaac Newton, physicist, London, 1727; Frederick Louis Prince of Wales London 1751; William Murray, 1st Earl of Mansfield, Lord Chief Justice 1756-88, London, 1793; Henry David

Inglis, traveller and

Hungarian nationalist. Turin. 1894; George Nathaniel Curzon. 1st Marquess Curzon of Kedleston Viceroy of India 1898-1905. London, 1925.

Ferdinand Foch, Marshal of France, Paris, 1929: Henry Handel Richardson (Ethel Florence Lindesay), novelist, Fairlight, Sussex, 1946; Brendan Behan, writer, Dub-

The Netherlands Government formed the Dutch East India Company, 1602.

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daughter, Fencile Joy. IEW - On March 18th in the George.

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SHEPHERD - On March 17th, to Stephanie tole Bury) and Philip. a daughter. Olivia Beatrice Kate, a sister for

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VOODHOUSE - On March 13th 1996, to Mary and Andrew, a daughter, a helf-sister for Caroline and Georgius.

DEATHS Michi - Daphne, LRAM, (nés Blackwell and also known in recent years as Florence) on 15th March 1996 at 8t Mary's Hospital, Paddington, aged 80. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday 22nd March at 4.15 pm.

RARRES - On March 16th. Cynthia Joan (nie Young) widow of the late Robert Henry Peere Williams-Freetnan, Lawrence John Freenan, Lawrence John Cumberbatch (Sam) Southern and Shothe Douglas (Bo). Very much leved by her son Derech, her staten and her families. Private cremation at Bournemouth Crematerium at 11.48 and followed by Thankogiving Service at 81 John Church, Boldre, on Thursday, 28th March, 1996 at 2.30 pm. Esquines to Diamond and Son Funeral Directors. Tel: (01580) 672050.

BinDLOGS GIBS - On March 16th Efizabeth (nife James) aged 40, at Harefleld Hospital after a long Beloved contrapeously borns. Beloved wife of Jonethan and dear

BURN - Joan Betty on 17th Marth 1996, Beloved wife of the last least John, devoted mother to John and David, Mother-to-law to Kay and grandmother to Easte and Mark. All enquiries to Raypolds Funeral Service tale (01243) 854745.

DEATHS

Caron and the late Andrew.
The funeral will take place at
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CLENIOES - Professor Peter Alim Martin died süddenly en 16th March 1996, Dearly loved husband of Jean, father of Robin and Martin, father-in-law of Dipah and hather-in-law of Dipah and grandfather of James. Professor Emerius of Anglo-Saxosa in the University of Cambridge. Funeral at 2.45pm, 22nd March, St. Andrew's Church. Chesterton, Cambridge. Flowers, or donations if wished to St. Andrew's wished to St. Andrew

COUTTS - On March 16th, after a long lithers, Effect Mary aged 76 years. Furnetly of the A.T.S. "Y Service". Sister of Bob and the late Muriel. Funeral the late Murief. Funeral Service at 2.20 pm on Tuesday March 26th at Worthing Cremitorium. No flowers by request please but donations in her memory for R.N.L.1 may be sent to H.D. Tibe Lid., 289 Goring Road. Goring. Worthing, tel: (01903) 249913.

de PAULA - On March 18th 1996 peacefully in housts. Hugh F.M. de Peula aged 82. husband and friend of Cocil. Isther of Jenning and Julian. stephaner of Anne Enden. Supramer Service at Malpas Parish Church as Monday 20th March 1996 at 1.30pm. Donations and flowers to Malpas Parish Church Church. Enguiries to Howell Bros. Funeral Directors, Whitehurch. (01948) 662338.

DEATHS DOLAM - Tiernen Michael Mary (sate of Ballinemore) beloved hushand of Meric, father of Julians, Puul and Siobhan and grandpa of Siobhan and grandpe of Francesca, Joseph and Tare died peacefully at home in Kingston-Upon-Thames on Monday 18th March 1996 aged 75. Regulum mass at St. Thornas Accouns Church-Ham Common. Ham, Richmond, Surrey at 10 am on Friday 22nd March 1996. Followed by cremation at Mostiake Crematorium at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Kingston Hospital, NHS Trust in his nemoty.

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ECKSTEIM - Peter, M.D.,

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FARLEY - Richard Dashwood suddenly at home on March 16th aged 73. Hashand of Mary Rose, Inther of James, Henry, Claire and Josephine, John. Simon and isabel. Funeral at 2.30 pm on Monday March 28th at monay march 2018 at Oaldey Wood Creatorship. Warwickshire. Fantily flowers only. Docusions. If desired to the R.N.L.L. c/e R. Locke & Son, Brailes, Bambury, Onga. Oxid 5AZ. let: (01608) 685274.

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Ashbourne United Reformed
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Reformed Church c/o The
Treasurer. Ashbourne. GADSBY - Suddenly on March 17th Roger Jim Gadsby. much loved husband of Margaret, father of Ruth and grandfather of Suth and grandfather of Sunderless Sam and Toby. Cremition at Harlow, Essex, at 10.30 am Friday 22nd March.

DEATHS GRILE - Dorolly Jean (nie Glangher) en 17th March 1996 peacefully et home in Williton, eged 53, Much loved, much nwelled and sadly moch missed by Jo. Ann, Margaret and grandchildren. Funeral Sevice at Taunton Deane Crematorium, Weilington New Road, Taunton, on Wednesday 27th March at 12 noon, Enguirts to F.H. Willicombe & Son. (01984) 632420.

HEALY - Patrick John (Jack) aged 66, peacefully in Ringston Hospital on March 19th 1996, after a short stands. Much loved bushend, father and grandfather. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, to Homes Parm Trust, 17 The Eyeways, Surition, Surrey, KTS 6FU, Service to be hald at 87 Plus Church. The Triangle, New Makies, at 2 pp. Tuesday 25th March.

HINDLEY - On 16th March HENDLEY - On 16th March 1996 Bitchael Dainty seed 61. Insuch loved heaband and friend of Ruth. Service at the Downs Crematerium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Monday 29th March at 11 am. Family flowers only but donations, if dealtred, to The Alan Wells Benefit Year Captain of S.C.C.C. c/e Hamminstons F/D, 4/6 Montedore Road, Hove, tel: (01273) 778733.

CHRICCK - Eve, dearly loved wife of Bill and devoted mother of Sally and Jame and grandmother of Cassle and Alexander, after a long illustuation of Alexander, after a long illiness at the Home of Compassion, Thames Ditton. Pulmeral Service will take place on Thursday 21st March 3.30 pm at the Randalls Park Crematerium. Leatherhead, Returning after funeral to the Hibm Hotel, Seven Hills Road South. Cobham. Family flowers only. Decusions, if desired, to the Stroke Association c/o Cophana, Family Lower, activ. Denations, if desired, to the Stroke Association c/o F.W. Paine, 255 Ewell Road. Burbina. Surrey KT6 7AA, tef: (0181) 399-2060.

KNEALE - Ban, beloved son of Regarder - Hall Decover for or Bryten and Decover, on 18th March 1996. Funaral Tuesday 26th March 1 pm St Marylebone Crematorium. Sadly missed.

DEATHS LE CREN - Marcia (née Fairbank) on March 3rd 1996, in New Zealand. Destry loved wife of Philip and mother of Michael. Curistopher and Anna.

MORTIMER - On Sunday

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stouras - On March 15th suddenly Michael, retired Greek Ambessador, loving husband of the life Susm. brother of George and Byron. The funeral service will take place at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Moscow Road, W2, on Tuesday 25th March at 12 2000. PAREONS - On March 16th pencefully Olive. aged 104. Puneral Thursday March 21st Golders Green Crematerium at 8 pm.

Amnesty. Enquiries to Malcolm Jones & Metcaife PICK - Beverley Paul O.B.E., F.C.S.D., on 12th March 1996, aged 80 after an socident, Funeral private. Family flowers only.

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PREESTLEY - On March 18th 1996, aged 85 at Chebenham - General Hospital, after a short filness. Jacquetta Priestley (Hawkes). Destry loved mother of Nicolas and grandmother of Camilla and Corima, and beloved wife of the late J.B. Priestley. the into J.B. Prisencyservice of themisophing at
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desired.

SCHWERDT - Violet Vere Charlotte M.B.E. Onée Demo on 16th March, at home. Beloved wife of the late Captain C.M.R. Schwerdt C.V.O. C.B.E. R.M. (re'd) loving mother of Rosemsry and Painele and mother-in-law of David. Cramations private. Service of Thenkestving at St. laurence. Combe. Onen on Saturday 30th March at 11.30 am. No flowers, pleases. Domations, if desired. 10 Oxfordshire Association for the Blind C/o Reeves & Pain. 288, Abington Road, Carlott Oxi 4TE.

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LEVIR - Dr. Roberto, unexpectedly died on February 20th 1996 In Busnos Aires, Argentina, Ris widow Esther, his deughter Paula and Clara Gerez remember him boday, and always with deep love and respect. R.LP. MOSES - Irans Grace Ruth died 30th March 1994, Sadly missed by Antoineths, John, lookel and Alam, Nathaha, Rebecca and Citristopher. CONGRATULATIONS

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OBITUARIES

Jacquetta Hawkes, OBE, author and archaeologist, died on March 18 aged 85. She was born on August 5, 1910.

THE daughter of one OM and for much of her life the wife of another, Jacquetta Hawkes had a long and distinguished career as a writer, at first professionally in archaeology and later of more popular works which sought an empathy with the landscape. Each of these phases coincided with one of her marriages, the first to Professor Christopher Hawkes, the second to the playwright and novelist (and member of the Order of Merit) J. B. Priestley. In much of her work her style was one in which the precision of the scientist was fused with the intuition of the poet.

Jessie Jacquetta Hopkins, the younger daughter of Sir Frederick Gowland Hopkins, the eminent scientist (and cousin of Gerard Manley Hopkins). grew up in a freethinking academic household in Cambridge. At Newnham she was the first woman to take the Archaeological and Anthropologic al Tripos. She gained a first and a scholarship allowing her to work with Dorothy Garrod at the Palaeolithic and Mesolithic cave sites on Mount Carmel in Palestine. Her interest and ability in this period of prehistory manifested itself in her subsequent definition of new archaeological industries in France and her 1939 book on the archaeology of Jersey. She was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries in 1940.

In 1933 she had married Christopher Hawkes, subsequently Professor of European Archaeology at Oxford, and collaborated with him on a general review of British prehistory which was published in 1944. By that time, however, she was engaged in a new career as a civil servant. From 1941 onwards she served successively in the Postwar Reconstruction Secretariat and the Ministry of Education and became secretary of the UK National Commission for Unesco. Through this work she got to know J. B. Priestley and, after her divorce from Hawkes. she married him in 1953.

Jacquetta Hawkes had turned to creative writing after the war, publishing a book of verse, Symbols and Speculations, in 1948, and the next year left the Civil Service to write fulltime. For a while she combined this with the role of archaeological adviser to the Festival of Britain, staged in 1951. Her appointment as OBE in 1952 recognised the vividly successful presentation of Britain's past in that exhibition, and the public interpretation involved influenced her first notable work, A Land (1951). Evoking tile evolution of Britain through geological epochs and historic ages. A Land was described as prophetic...written with a passion of love and hate", and compared to Donne's sermons in its "poetic earthi-

The illustrations included colour plates by Henry Moore and photographs of fossils, whereas the text. while quoting from Beowulf to Robert Graves, was nonetheless based on

JACQUETTA HAWKES



wide scientific reading and consultation. It created a new literary genre not necessarily to the pleasure of academic scientists — but one which brought to a period of burgeoning science and technology a welcome and

articulate artistry.

A Land was followed by Man on Earth (1954) and Man and the Sun (1962), in similar vein. Her thesis in the former, that human progress on earth is related to cosmic processes beyond our ken, persisted in her subsequent writings - a mystical inclination formed at least partly in reaction to the materialist bias of modern archaeological and sociological thinking. She opposed the neo-Darwinian consensus that evolution depended on the vagaries of natural selection, "most decisively of all when I think of the number of most peculiar chances between the ancestral tree-shrew and William Shakespeare". Such intellectual agnosticism, combined with her mystic leanings, would not have augured success in a conventional academic career: she was fortunate in her freelance status.

That status did not prevent her, or her ideas, from being taken seriously by the archaeological establishment, however: the first volume of the Unesco History of Mankind, written with Sir Leonard Woolley (1963) was eminently espectable, as was Dawn of the Gods (1968), a study of Bronze Age Greece. In the 1970s she edited the Atlas of Ancient Archaeology and the Atlas of Early Man, and subsequently wrote the Shell Guide to British Archaeology (1986, assisted by Paul Bahn). These popular books were, as intended, accessible, but showed little trace of Jacquetta Hawkes's originality of

approach.
That trait resurfaced in her John Danz Lecture at the University of Washington in Seattle, Nothing but or something more (1972). The series, in which she succeeded such eminent scholars as Julian Huxley and Fred Hoyle, was devoted to those who had concerned themselves "with the impact of science and philosophy on man's perception of a rational universe". Hawkes brought together Chomsky's views on the innate structure of '

language with Jung's concept of archetypes, to attack Jacques Monod's then-controversial Chance and Necessity, with its view of a random universe, and Professor Grahame Clark's view of archaeology, "rigged up in scientific fancy dress" with the application of the laws of natural selection to the develop-ment of civilisation. The analytical approach was "a totalitarian ideology which had castrated philosophy and made metaphysics a dirty word", while her own "mixture of intuition and commonsense" was, she noted drily, of the kind most rightly deplored by science".

That commonsense could, however, be devastating: when Professor Alexander Thom of Oxford demonstrated the apparent existence of precise mensuration and astronomical observation among the megalith builders of prehistoric Europe more than 4,000 years ago, archaeologists, impressed by the genuine rigour of Thom's methods, hastened to endorse his conclusions. Jacquetta Hawkes saw that the imprecision inherent in the data made such certainty untenable. and in a memorable BBC Chronicle programme called Thom "a man surrounded by loopholes". She lived to see her scepticism vindicated, as the exactness of the megalithic layouts became doubted and the astrological rather than astronomical function of the monuments widely accepted.

A mystical view of the human past was nevertheless the mainspring of A Quest of Love (1980), a "total recall of my Long Body stretching back to the beginning of self-conscious time" which was a curious combination of the novel, autobiography, and anti-Women's Liberation tract. Claiming, perhaps rhetorically, to have recalled the successive episodes as memories of her previous incarnations, Jacquetta Hawkes offered vignettes of passion from the Palaeolithic age, neolithic Anatolia, Minoan Crete, Rome, medieval Winchester - where she was mistress of Henry of Blois - and Victorian England, before a final rather explicit chapter about her 20thcentury self, her two marriages, and an emotional attachment to another

Better received was Mortimer Wheeler: Adventurer in Archaeology (1982), a biography of the man (a friend of many years' standing) who transformed archaeological practice across much of the world, and made the discipline one attracting wide public interest. Hawkes brought out both his faults and his greatness with success. Her last substantial work, the Shell Guide to British Archaeology, was scholarly yet popular.

Jacquetta Hawkes will be remem-

bered not so much for advancing any one of her fields - academic archaeology, its popularisation, and fiction - as for the very successful way in which she managed to blend them, and for the fusion of commonsense and uncommon vision that characterised her best work.

J. B. Priestley died in 1984, and she is survived by a son from her first marriage.

HUSCHKE von HANSTEIN



Von Hanstein, centre, and Prince Paul von Metternich, with Olympic skiing champion Jean-Claude Killy (in Porsche) in Germany. 1968

Huschke von Hanstein. German racing driver, died at his home near Stuttgart on March 5 aged 85. He was born in Halle on January 3, 1911.

IN A career of more than forty years dedicated to sports car racing. Huschke von Hanstein won a Mille Miglia and a Targa Florio, and as a manager was associated with many of the Porsche team's postwar successes. The Mille Miglia win of 1940 took place in unusual wartime circum-stances, with Britain not then actually at war with Italy, although hostilities with Germany had been in progress for eight months. The Targa Florio success took place in the happier circumstances of the postwar period, with von Hanstein's win being one in six starts he made in the famous Sicilian mountain race.

Baron Fritz Huschke von Hanstein, a member of a Saxon aristocratic family, started racing motorcycles before switching to sports cars in 1934. He was particularly successful with the BMW marque and won the German hillclimb championship in the 2-litre class in 1938. In that year he met the automobile designer Ferdinand Porsche, for whose team he was in the postwar years to have such success.

Von Hanstein will go down the winner of the 1940 Mille Miglia, a victory which was achieved in peculiar circumstances. Following a catas-trophic accident in 1938, in

which ten spectators were killed when a Lancia left the track and ploughed into the crowd, the race was banned in 1939. But although war clouds were gathering, the race's director, Count Aymo Maggi, was anxious to try to maintain its international status. He was told that this could be achieved only if he could guarantee that a factory team from BMW would be entered for the 13th Mille Miglia in

He drove from Brescia, in Lombardy, to Berlin and was granted a personal interview with Hitler, who promised that BMW would be strongly represented. The race was therefore run on April 28, 1940, in somewhat odd circumstances.

Although Great Britain had declared war on Germany on September 3, 1939, the doyen of British motoring journalists at that time, William Bradley, went to Brescia to cover the race, without any thought, apparently, that he was entering a Fascist lair and might well have been seized through collusion between the Axis powers and spirited away, even though Italy and Britain were not actually at war until the following month. Meanwhile, in an even

more bizarre touch, the racing teams of France and Germany, countries which had also been at war since the previous September, actually shared adjacent hotel rooms in Brescia

The 13th Mille Miglia went ahead on a closed 100-mile triangular road circuit from

Brescia through Cremona and Mantua, and back to Brescia. Von Hanstein won the event over ten laps of this course with his co-driver, Walter Baumer, in a BMW 2000 sports at 104 mph. Three other team cars finished third, fifth

and sixth. With Italy shortly after-wards involved in the war, all further motor racing was at an end and von Hanstein joined the German Army. He served as a colonel in a crack German cavalry unit until the end of the war, seeing a good deal of service on the Eastern front.

He joined the Porsche company after the war and was largely responsible for the team's assorishing run of successes. By introducing such talents as Wolfgang von Trips, Stirling Moss, Graham Hill and Jo Bonnier to the team, he ensured that Porsche had the best drivers available. Von Hanstein himself drove in six Targa Florios between 1950 and 1964, winning the race with Umberto Maglioli in 1956 and overseeing II Porsche wins in that period. He also drove in the Liège-Rome-Liège race, the Pan-American Road Race, the Le Mans 24-hour race and the Sebring, Florida, 12-hour race.

Huschke von Hanstein was an multilingual ambassador for German motor sport, and had also been president of ADAC, the Deutscher A Allgemeiner Automobil-Club (Germany's equivalent of the

He is survived by his wife Ursula and a grown-up family.

PROFESSOR SIR CHARLES STUART-HARRIS

Sir Charles Stuart-Harris, CBE, Professor of Medicine at the University of Sheffield, 1946-72, died on February 23 aged 86. He was born on July 12, 1909.

AN EXPERT on infectious diseases. Charles Stuart-Harris was also appointed, in 1946, the University of Shef-

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field's first full-time Professor of Medicine. This was a period of great upheaval in the organ-isation of medical education, when many permanent aca-demic units were being founded. Stuart-Harris built the school into one of the country's best teaching and research centres.

Very early on his career, Stuart-Harris had developed

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an interest in infectious diseases with special emphasis on virology. His research investigations on the influenza and poliomyelitis viruses were carried out at the Medical Research Council (MRC) unit, which he established at Lodge Moor Hospital in Sheffield. And it was in Sheffield that the oral polio vaccine underwent some of its first clinical trials.

from respiratory illnesses - a legacy of the combination of smoking, the occupational hazards of foundry work and coalmining, and atmospheric pollution. Under Stuart-Harris's guidance, the Depart-ment of Medicine carried out a series of important epidemiological studies to define more

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Charles Herbert Stuart-Harris was the son of a general practitioner in Birmingham. He attended King Edward's School before training at St Bartholomew's Hos-pital Medical School, where he was a double gold medallist, graduating in 1931 and gaining his doctorate two years later. Afterwards he was awarded a Rockefeller fellowship. From 1939 to 1945 he served

as a specialist pathologist in the Royal Army Medical Corps in the Far East and European theatres, in com-mand of field laboratories. His clinical skills proved invaluable in the diagnosis of a wide range of infectious diseases. some of which - typhus and typhoid - he contracted himself. He ended the war with the rank of colonel.

The following year he began his long period in Sheffield, where he concentrated on securing high standards of undergraduate teaching and research. He was fair but firm in his relations with his staff. always courteous but with little time for the faint-hearted. Patients and students held him in genuine esteem. He



rarely missed a ward round. outpatient or teaching session. and members of staff will recall with pleasure the convivial Christmas parties hosted by Stuart-Harris and his wife Marjorie every year. He served on various nat-

ional and international com-

mittees, chief among which were the MRC and the University Grants Committee. He was also Harveian Orator at the Royal College of Physi-

cians and held visiting profes-sorships in the United States and the Commonwealth. Stuart-Harris was a de-

manding leader and an exacting scientist, but he was not at all bothered by status. A distinguished visitor to the Department of Medicine. asked to wait in the professorial office, later complained that he had not expected to be left in the technician's room.

He chose his assistants care fully, and always introduced them personally to the medical establishment at meetings of the Association of Physicians. On one such occasion, when their plane twice failed to take off. his nervous young colleague remarked that they were in a spot of bother. The reply from Stuart-Harris was typical: "Indeed we are, it looks as if we shall miss the first paper."

Stuart-Harris was appointed CBE in 1961 and knighted in 1970. He retired from the chair in 1972, after which he was made Postgraduate Dean of Medicine for five years. Deep into retirement he was still busy, acting as an adviser to the Hong Kong Govern-ment in the establishment of the colony's new Chinese Medical School.

He is survived by his wife, whom he married in 1937, a daughter and two sons, one of whom is a professor of clinical oncology in Australia.

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THE B.B.C. AND POLITICS

COMPLAINT OF PARTY BIAS WESTMINSTER, Thursday

SIR SAMUEL HOARE urgently pressed on the Prime Minister to-day the need of holding an inquiry into the alleged leakage to the Daily Herald of the report of the RIOI inquiry. He assumed from the character and the introduction to the article that the writer had had a copy of the report in his possession.

The PRIME MINISTER deplored all leakages of this kind, but thought an inquiry doorned to failure. The report had not in fact reached the Air Ministry. so that that Department was exonerated. He could not force the Press to give the sources of its information, and he could only assume that the article was guess-

work . . . The B.B.C. was barely mentioned in the Commons, but it was hotly attacked by LORD RADNOR in the Lords. He declared that, in spite of an obligation to

ON THIS DAY

March 20, 1931

An alleged leak from the BBC prompted some peers to express dissatisfaction with the corporation, one describing it as "little short of a channel for socialist and communist propaganda"

be impartial, the B.B.C. was little short of a channel for Socialist and Communist propaganda. Mr Harold Nicolson had been allowed to tell 3,500,000 listeners that there was no religious persecution in Russia, and yet the meeting of the Christian Protest Movement had been banned. A Mr Dobb - a paid servant of the Russian Government had been allowed to describe the Soviet paradise; and the Listener — the organ of the B.B.C. — had published Socialist propaganda as advertisements.

The B.B.C., he declared, must be either biased or inefficient. He favoured the inefficiency explanation, because he knew no one connected with the B.B.C. who had any experience in entertainment. The 3,500,000 people who paid taxes on their sets could not have their grievances put right in Parliament, because there was no Minister or

Department responsible for the B.B.C. LORD CRAWFORD was very grateful that there was no State control, because that would mean ceaseless and frivolous agitations in Parliament. He claimed that the B.B.C. was infinitely more efficient than the broadcasting agencies in other countries, and was, in fact, attracting 1,500 new listeners every

The real defence of the B.B.C., however, devolved on LORD GAINFORD, who had been associated with it for eight years. The B.B.C. never had an editorial view. They gave the most comprehensive programmes and the best transmission. Less than 3 per cent of their correspondents were critics.

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Bias principle and public bodies

for the Environment and Another, Ex parte Kirkstall Valley Campaign Ltd Before Mr Justice Sedley

[Judgment March 6] The principle that a person was disqualified from participation in a decision if there was a real danger

of bias from a pecuniary or personal interest in the outcome was of general application in judicial or quasi-judicial bodies or proceeding Mr Justice Sedley so held in the

Queen's Bench Division when ng an application Kirkstall Valley Campaign Ltd. a community action group concerned about the development of Kirkstall Valley in Leeds, for tudicial review of the decision of the Leeds Development Corporation on July 21 1994 to grant planning permission for retail development in the form of a supermarket on a rugby pitch in the valley belonging to the Headingley Football Club and the reserved matters decision of March 29, 1995. William Morrison Supermarket plc, which had bought the land to which the challenged decisions related in the expectation of benefiting by the lanning consent, appeared as the

second respondent The applicants claimed that one or both decisions were vitiated by nersonal interest amounting to an apparent bias on the part of three members and an officer of the corporation.

A planning application had been put forward in 1993 by Kirkstall Valley Properties Ltd for a proelopment scheme but that scheme 1995. By that date, however, the corporation had entertained and approved a compromise scheme subject of the present application.

it was not alleged that the scheme was unlawful but that the decisions taken by the corporation undeclared interests of members in earlier decisions that they could not stand.

Those interests included the corporation chairman's owners! of land in Shadwell to which the rugby club was interested in moving, provided it sold its site in the valley, and other corporation members' links with the rugby

Mr John Hobson and Mr Paul Stinchcombe for the applicants; Mr Richard Drabble, QC, Mr David Elvin and Mr John Litton for the secretary of state; Mr Gerard Ryan, QC and Mr Jonathan Milner for the second

MR JUSTICE SEDLEY said that the application raised ques-

Regina v Secretary of State tions of some importance about the obligation of members of a statutory corporation to abstain from participation in the corporation's proceedings when matters arose in which they had a pecuniary or

The corporation came into being under Part XVI of the Local Government Planning and Land Act 1980 in June 1988 and became the local planning authority for all but strategic purposes in lieu of Leeds City Council. It was eventually wound up in July 1995, its successor being the Secretary of State for the Environment.

An urban development corpora-tion was comprised of a chairman, a vice-chairman and between five and II members appointed by the secretary of state bearing in mind their special knowledge of the area. Although counsel for the sec-

retary of state had accepted the applicant's submission that the governing proposition on apparent s was to be found in the decision of the House of Lords in R v Gough ([1993] AC 646), counsel for the second respondent had submitted that non-judicial bodies such as an urban development corporation were governed by a different set of les to be found in a succession of cases beginning with R v Sevenaaks District Council, Ex parte Terry ([1985] 3 All ER 226).

If that submission were right the question to be asked in relation to an impugned decision of a body such as the corporation was not whether on the facts known to the court there was a real danger of bias in one or more members of the decision-making body, but whether the decision-making body as a whole could be shown to have gone beyond mere predisposition favour of a particular course and to have predetermined it.

In his Lordship's view, the need to make a distinction between had cone with the decision in R v Gough because in that case the of appearance of bias to the unitary by assimilating the hypothetical erver to the court hearing the challenge and correspondingly by assimilating the maxim that justice court's duty to identify any real danger of unjust bias.

That being so, there was, in his Lordship's judgment, nothing in the jurisprudence of R v Gough which necessarily limited to judicial or quasi-judicial tribunals the rule against participation of a person with a personal interest in

The line of authority relied upon by the second respondent represented a different, although equally important, principle: that the decision of a body would be struck down if its outcome had been predetermined whether by

or by the effective surrender of the body's independent judgment. The decision of the House of Lords in Franklin v Minister of Town and Country Planning (1948) AC 87) could not be regarded as diluting that principle.

There were also sound grounds of principle in modern public law for declining to limit the principle in R v Gough because in the modern state the interests of individuals or of the public might more be more radically affected by administrative decisions than by the decisions of courts and judicial

His Lordship next considered how the principle would apply to a body exercising town and country planning powers. So far as concerned apparent bias there could be little if any difference between an elected and an appointed plannine authority.

In both cases there was a constant risk that the body would have to decide matters in which a member happened to have pecuniary or personal interest. In such cases the secretary of state's successive codes for urban development corporations and local government recognised that unless it was too remote or insignificant to matter the interest had to be declared and the member concerned could not participate in

The test of bias in the Gough case would be uniformly applied: what would differ from case to case was the significance of the interest remoteness to the issue to be so insignificant or remote as to be ed, the disqualified member had violated his disqualification by participating in the

On authority, a direct pecuniary or proprietary interest, however small, was conclusively presumed to create a real danger of bias. What should a member of a body do or refrain from doing when a conflict of interest arose

The applicants had submitted that where a body was taking a decision in which all those interested were not before it and able to waive the objection, any memwho had an interest requiring to be declared had not only to refrain from voting on the issue but had to absent himself from the meeting while the issue was

His Lordship accepted the respondent's submission that there was no such rule but said that that was a long way from concluding declare had no need to do more than refrain from voting.
The applicable principle was not

a matter of form but of substance. it was that an individual with a personal, pecuniary or proprietary interest in the subject matter of the decision was disqualified from

could be more than voting or discussion. It was possible that the mere declaration of a disqualifying interest followed by abstention on discussion or voting would not be enough to negate participation in

Accordingly while withdrawal vas not a universal requirement of law when a conflict arose, it was undoubtedly wise and in his Lordship's judgment there was no distinction to be made between those meetings held in private and those in public.

His Lordship considered the alleged personal interests of the chairman and members of the corporation. On the evidence, although involvement with a Conservative association constituted neither a pecuniary nor a personal interest capable of conflicting with his duties, the fact that the chairman's land manifestly stood to multiply in value if ing consent were given for retail development of the rugby dub land, was obviously pecuniary.

There was a clear linkage between the chain of events albeit they were prospects and not realitites. However, the first de-cision attacked was in July 1994 by which time the rugby club's pro-posal to move to Shadwell was dead and buried and with it the chairman's pecuniary interest in the grant of planning permission for the club's existing land. The submission by the ap-

olicants that the decisions eventually taken were so contaminated by the undeclared interest of the chairman in the previous decisions If his Lordship were persuaded that the decision of July 1994 was a product of a prior tainted decision,

real danger of bias would have tainted the later decision too. Although his Lordship had rejected the second respondent's submission that bias could not affect more decisions than those if tainted directly, the valley scheme which was eventually adopted was a fresh proposal to which the

corporation gave independent

consideration

Vice-presidency of the rugby club was only an honorific designation carrying no active or executive function and member well short of identification with a party interested in the materia planning applications. Member ship was not a source of personal loyalty capable of creating a bias "from kindred or other cause": see R v Rand ((1866) LR I QB 230). In the circumstances therefore the application for judicial review

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Woolwich Building Society v

Dickman and Another Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Morritt

Judgment February 157 A building society which had failed to realise that the occupants of the mortgaged property, a dwelling house on registered land, were protected tenants and had therefore required them to sign written consents to the effect that their rights of occupancy were subordinated to the rights and powers of the lender, without registering the consents as an overriding interest, was not entitled to a possession

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the lender, Woolwich Building Society, against a refusal by Judge Butter, OC, in Central London County Court to make a possession order against the second defendants. Harold and Faye Todd, the tenants of a property mortgaged by the first defendant, Robert Section 98 of the Rent Act 1977

provides: "(1) ... a court shall not make an order for possession of a dwelling-house which is for the time being let on a protected tenancy ... unless the court considers it reasonable to make such an order... Section 152 provides: "(1) ...

'landlord' includes any person from time to time deriving title under the original landlord and ... any person other than the tenant who is ... entitled to possession of the dwelling-

Mr Gordon Nurse for the appellants; Ms Marilyn Kennedy McGregor for the tenants: the first defendant did not appear and was not represented.

LORD JUSTICE WAITE said that although it was not the society's policy to lend on the security of tenanted property this particular loan received approval.

The result of the oversight was that the case became treated mistakenly by the society as one which fell into the familiar category where the borrower shared ts of occupation with members of his family who might in certain circumstances he able to assert a beneficial interest in the mortgaged property carrying rights of occupancy binding on a lender with notice of their occupation.

The society made it a requirement of the mortgage advance that the occupiers should sign written consents to their rights of occupancy being subordinated to the rights and powers of the lender. When the mortgagor defaulted in payment under the mortgage and did not defend the possession

proceedings, the occupying tenants resisted any possession order against themselves on the ground that their tenancy was binding on the society. The consents had been carefully

drawn and clearly relied on by the society as an essential pre-condition to the grant of the mortgage Once they were given effect they could not sensibly be read as anything other than an express agreement that the Todds' rights of

occupation of the flat, whensoever and however derived, were to be subjected to the possessory rights of the society. It was inescapable that the

society derived its right to claim possession of the flat from the mortgage, including the demise from Mr Dickman which it notionally incorporated. The society did not, therefore, enjoy the advantage that was available to the lenders in Dudley and District Benefit Building Society v Emerson ([1949] Ch 707) of being able to deny any contractual right in the Todds which bound them or any interest in the Todds which af-

fected their title. vever effective in addition, ho the consents might otherwise have en to override the rights of the Todds as persons in actual occupation of the flat, they could have no effect upon the mandatory rights they enjoyed under section 70(1/g) unless a provision to that effect was expressed on the register. No provision was there

LORD JUSTICE MORRITT. concurring, said that there could he no doubt that, subject only to the consent letters, section 98(1) would apply. The building society would undoubtedly derive titl under the original landlord. Mr Dickman, so as to fall within the definition of landlord contained in section 152(1).

At all material times before completion of the mortgage, the Todds were tenants Dickman. On completion they did not surrender their tenancy, they did not charge it to the building

Lender cannot evict tenants society as further security for the loan and they did not vacate the

From commencement of the mortgage until the instant proceedings began the Todds remained in occupation of the flat with the knowledge and consent of the building society.

The case was not concerned with how an estopped of the nature for which the society contended worked in relation to unregistered land so as to alter the priorities between the tenants and the

The case concerned registered land and overriding interests within section 70(1) of the Land Registration Act 1925 . Nothing was expressed on the register in relation to the letters of consent so as to exclude the deeming effect of that section.

The Todds' tenancy remained an overriding interest notwithstanding the letters of consent. Thus the charge to the building society took effect subject to it.

It followed that the relationship of landlord and tenant between the society and the Todds, which would clearly have arisen in the absence of those letters, came into existence on commencement of the mortgage despite them.

Therefore the claim of the society

to possession of the flat fell within section 98(1) of the Rent Act 1977 and no amount of estoppe) could take it out Lord Justice Butler-Sloss agreed.

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Singh v Parksfield Group plc Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith. Lord Justice Ward and Mr Justice

Judgment March 141

An offer to settle an action "without prejudice" (Calderbank v Calderbank ([1976] Fam 93)) was not the same as a payment into court vis-à-vis costs and accordingly where a plaintiff failed to beat the offer made in the letter, he was nevertheless entitled to his costs from the defendant.

The Court of Appeal so held in ing an appeal brought by the defendants, Parksfield Group plc. against the decision of Judge Hordern, OC, who, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division on May 18, 1994, awarded the plaintiff, Mojinder Singh, £64,289 damages for personal iniury plus costs. A fortnight before the trial the

defendants had made a Calderbank offer of £65,000 which had been refused by the plaintiff. Mr Julian Matthews for the

defendants; Mr Robert Glancy for the plaintiff

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that there had been no reference in the Calderbank letter to the payment of costs. Mr Matthews submitted that everyone took the offer to include costs up to the date of acceptance.

However, his Lordship wished to point out that Calderbank ietters should include all the details of the offer being made.

Mr Matthews submitted that the purpose of a Calderbank offer was laid out in Cutts v Head ([1984] Ch 290). He did not contend that the defendants should have their costs of the action after the offer, but that some account should have been taken of it. Following the decision of Cutts v

Head, the Rules of the Supreme Court were altered. Order 22, rule 14 introduced a proviso that the court should not take into account an offer made "without prejudice to costs", where the party who made the offer could have protected his position by means of a payment into court However, by amendment pursu-

ant to rule 19 of the Rules of the Supreme Court (Amendment No 2) Regulations (SI 1990 No 1689), the express proviso to Order 22, rule 14 was removed, although no amend-ment was made to Order 62, rule That provided that any written

offer made under Order 22, rule 14. should not be taken into account if the party who made the offer could have protected his position by means of a payment into court. Mr Matthews submitted that the

deletion of the proviso must have been intended to have the effect of allowing the court to take a Colderbank offer into account. His ordship did not accept that.

There was no dispute in the present case that the defendants could have made a payment into court. Moreover a late payment in, that is, less than 21 days before trial, could still be taken into account: see King v Weston-Howell ([1989] | WLR 579). That was obviously subject to modification if

the plaintiff did not have reasonable time to consider it.

It was only where a plaintiff who refused an offer of settlement but failed to beat the payment in, that the defendant was protected as to his costs. Otherwise, pursuant to Order 62, rule 5(4) a plaintiff who accepted an offer was entitled to his costs up to the time of his acceptance.

In the ordinary way where a defendant was facing a monetary claim, he should make a payment into court in sufficient time for the plaintiff to consider it.

The policy of the law should be to settle cases wherever possible. There might be advantages if the court had a wider discretion in this area, although there were equal advantages in certainty in the system. It was not a master for the courts to change. The appeal would be dismissed.

Lord Justice Ward and Mr Justice Buckley agreed. Solicitors: Vizards: Brign Thompson & Partners.

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The media portrays scientists as playing God and creating monsters, but it is time they fought back about their achievements

here can I sign a petition for the abolition of "weeks"? Likewise "days" and "years". The tag is a signal of utter dreariness to come a ubiquitous public relations blast on behalf of something unexceptionable like the Mushroom or the Child, already smothered in worthiness. To put it another way. National Science

Or was. This year the three-year-old enterprise has a new, even more righteous name. Officially, it has been upgraded to the Science, Engineering and Technology Fes-tival, or SET 96, as belits the shift of its sponsor, the Office of Science and Technology, from the Cabinet Office to the Department of Trade and Industry. Under this new management each day has its own theme: Monday was "Technology Foresight Day". See what I mean?

SET 96 is a massive exercise in preaching to the converted. Among these I count myself, thanks to a year-long geology Let's say goodbye to Frankenstein

English Literature students, a stimulating and scenic way to fulfil the university's science requirement, and in my case, to find a Unsurprisingly, this year's sci-

ence orgy has attracted enthusiasts from the research councils, academe and the BBC. The Beeb's efforts have been extensive, including a double dose of Einstein on Horizon and, on Radio 2, a full hour on Time and the Second Law of Thermodynamics.

The message that "science is interesting, exciting and accessible" is hitting home, claims the BBC's in-house magazine. Ariel. Not from where I sit. British students still lurk near the bottom of the European numeracy tables and the public misunderstanding of science has never been greater.

National Science Week has had the misfortune to fall in the same month that sheep-cloning and animal-to-human organ transplants have drawn accolades such as "Monster or miracle?" (Daily Mail) and "Monster out of con-

trol" (The Sunday Telegraph). You had to read deep into the stories to see the benefits to human life, limb and mind that these advances will bring. The night-mare vision outweighed the good news by about ten to one. "Scientists" as a group came across as creators of a "neo-Frankenstein world" (The Daily Record).

Indeed, so savagely had the Daily Mail attacked scientists for the cloned sheep that, several days later, when it wanted to splash on its front page the discovery of a way to grow new brain tissue, it avoided the dirty word "scientist"



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altogether. "Doctors" were given the credit for "Hope of a cure for 'Superman' injuries". Playing God was not mentioned.

There is a moral here for the Committee for the Public Understanding of Science (Copus) and other science well-wishers. Forget all that mealy-mouthed PR. At-

misrepresentation of genetic advances. Complain to the Commission for Racial Equality about the class libel of "scientists" as an alien breed whose only regret is that Hitler is not alive to be cloned. Take out advertisements to point out that if cloning human beings were to be attempted, against all existing law, it would have to be done at the embryo stage. By the time any Saddam decides that he should become the model for a master race, it is too late.

Copus must also train its experts in not being their own worst enemies. On Radio 4's Start the Week last week, when Melvyn Bragg asked the distinguished biologist, Professor John Maynard Smith, about widespread fears over the misuse of genetics, he replied that the question was meant was that the danger was so remote as to be meaningless. But he chose the wrong word and sounded arrogant.

The geneticist Richard Dawkins, the first Oxford professor of the public understanding of science, is one who dares to attack the anti-science lobby. He describes science as the one form of intellectual endeavour which achieves progress. Bring back Galileo or Newton, Professor Dawkins says, and any third-rate student of today could give them lessons in what has been discovered since their time. But bring back Shakespeare and writers

today could teach him nothing. Another master presenter of the case for science is Professor Lewis Wolpert, a developmental biologist from University College Medical

School and the chairman of Copus. Angry about the current reporting of genetics and embryology, he has found the right phrase. Trillating stories that play upon people's anxieties and purvey such research as inherently horrific is, he says, "genetic pornography".

NEVER MIND the V-chip. What about a G-chip? Grief is my candidate for the new pornogra-phy. Filming the faces of people getting the worst news that anyone can imagine is, to me, far more prurient than showing the broken bodies of those past suffering. Something odd is happening in

British life: a sentimentalisation of death. Of course those tragically killed should be remembered, but not with mounds of plasticwrapped bouquets and rain-sodden teddy bears. If television bears any responsibility for the new over-dramatisation of grief, it is for these tawdry visual aids.

Sharing Dunblane's grief

Magnus Linklater on how the world press reported the tragedy

Tor three days in Dunblane last week I was part of the media pack, participant as well as observer in a story which was as emotionally charged as any I have ever witnessed. None of us, I think, came away from that place unchanged. But it has been the behaviour of the press in reporting the tragedy and the sheer number of those descending on a small town in shock that has become a

matter of controversy. There has been no lack of criticism, mostly from a distance. One columnist described the press as like sharks in a feeding frenzy, a particularly offensive image for those who were there, grappling with a story which affected journalists almost as much as the people themselves.

My own view is that with very few exceptions the British press and television behaved throughout with tact and professionalism; that, in those fir. Hew days, they were a vital source of information for the people of Dunblane; and that the huge interest from abroad was as much an expression of international support and sympathy as an intrusion. CBC in Canada gave over the whole of its National Magazine show to Dunblane, "because of the strong historical ties with Scotland", according to its London bureau chief.

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But there was a price to pay Towards the end of the week. tolerance was wearing thin. When Pat Greenhill, the provost of Stirling, whose home is in Dunblane, was telephoned at 2am by an American TV presenter demanding a prime time interview, she felt that she had had enough. "From then on I simply wanted them to go away." And on Sunday. they did just that. In what must be an unprecedented decision, the media, led by the

BBC, simply withdrew. It is very hard for an outsider to comprehend the dynamics of covering a disaster on this scale. To begin

with, there is simply no source of information. Police, confronting the horror of the massacre, had to deal with traumatised parents and teachers rather than hand out details to the press. The local authorities were stretched to breaking point. And families, desperate to discover whether their own children had been involved, knew nothing of what was happening. In those circumstances, the press acts as a distiller of news, and on this occasion they did so at great speed. I first heard the name of the gunman, Thomas Hamilton, at lunchtime. By the end of that first afternoon. most of the salient facts had been assembled.

Time and again during those first agonising hours outside the school I saw parents who were being interviewed coming away, relieved to have garnered even a shred of news. Local journalists, some of whom had children at the school, were first on the scene. Those, like Kate Fawcett and Alan Mackay of BBC Scotland, who live in the town. managed to convey something of the emotional impact of the shootings as well as reporting the news. Later, a makeshift press centre was established and a solidly professional press spokesman from Strathclyde Police was drafted in to handle the growing band of press and TV crews.

y the end of Day Two there were, by my calculation, between 300 and 400 media representatives (including back-up teams) in a town of 9,000 inhabitants. The Sun had 27 reporters and photographers, the Mail about as many. The paraphernalia of modern communications -TV forries, satellite dishes, arclights and antennae banked the streets.

Reporters were in search of reaction as well as news. Almost everyone delivering flowers to the school or visiting the cathedral was stopped for



Between 300 and 400 media representatives poured into a town of 9,000 inhabitants

an interview. Most were prepared to stop, to try to convey their feelings, and to repeat what they had said for the umpteenth time. I saw very few signs of resentment. Per-

haps people needed to talk. Most reporting effort went into digging up detail about Thomas Hamilton and his background. Everyone who had ever had dealings with him was located and interviewed. One tabloid found his telephone bill and dispatched reporters to trace everyone he had called. Others found parents who had raised doubts about his activities. The BBC discovered that the Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth. had corresponded with him.

How the press dealt with bereaved families was more sensitive. Early on, the Chief Constable of Central Region

pleaded with reporters not to approach the parents of child-ren who had died. That was respected on the first day. On Day Two, the Daily Mirror located and interviewed two parents, apparently with their approval. The Daily Express then talked to Willie Turner, whose daughter Megan had died. Mr Turner, approached outside his house, invited the Express reporter inside. The article that resulted was one of the most affecting interviews of the week. I don't think I could possible justify what they did. I cannot deny that the outcome was a moving piece of

Despite the precedent these interviews set. The Sun decided not to do the same. "We listened to what the police had said about the bereaved families, and respected that," said

iournalism.

the paper's Scottish editor, Bob Bird. "Scotland is really a big village and everyone in-volved felt directly affected. Most of our people are in a bad way having lived with the story from its outset."

mours of press excesses proved L untrue. A persistent suggestion that one pho-tographer had attempted to get into the mortuary was without foundation. As late as Sunday, long after the media were judged to have outstayed their welcome. The Times's Steve Farrell, hovering on the out-skirts of a crowd around the wreath laid by the Queen, found himself helped by two women. "Let him through," they said. "Let the press see what the Queen said to us."

Alexandra Frean forecasts a bitter battle for survival

A gust of competition is about to hit the troubled waters of UK cable television with the launch of two rival channels dedicated to that great British obsession: the weather.

Sweeping in from across the Atlantic, the US-owned Weather Channel and the Canadian-backed Weather Network are promising a diet of

local, regional, national and international forecasts, lots of high-tech gadgetry and graphics, pollen counts, ultraviolet and ozone warnings, sports forecasts, road conditions and traffic news. They also plan features on meteorology and the earth sciences.

The appetite of British viewers for a dedicated television weather channel is untested, but the rival broadcasters can bank on two things: the British love weather celebrities -Michael Fish and John Ketley have assumed cult status and the UK faces one of the most unpredictable and changeable climates in the world, which demands up-to-

date, accurate forecasts. Michael Eckert, chief executive of the Atlanta-based Weather Channel, says that the channel's success in America. where it has been running for potential 63 million households, is based on its respon-

siveness to consumer demand. "In the US we launched the Fall Foliage Report, which gives reports on where the brilliance of the autumnal foliage is at its peak, in direct response to requests from viewers," he says.

The company's pre-launch research in the UK has identified a particular interest in biometeorology, which examines how the changes in weather systems affect people's health and their moods.

The Weather Channel, which is owned by the US media group Landmark Communications, has linked up with the Met Office for the collection of data. Local forecasts, using graphics, animated radar pictures, satellite photographs and tabulated data, will be broadcast every five minutes. In between, there

Weather channels blow into Britain

will be programmes aimed at various consumer groups --housewives, business travellers. professionals (such as pilots and airport ground staff), outdoor workers (particularly in the construction industry), weekend athletes, sports fans, and people interested in the scientific explana-

tions behind the weather. Both the Weather Channel and the Weather Network are hoping to launch by June, ahead of the summer holidays and Wimbledon.

The Weather Network is backed by the Canadian media company Pelmorex and by the Weather Department, a Birmingham-based weather forecasting group that provides the weather for six regional ITV stations.

Rob Golding, managing director of the network, says that the service will be an essential age of services that cable the death.

Viewing of other channels peaks in the evening. The prime time for a weather service is in the morning, with a second peak in the early eve-

ning," he says.
The Weather Network will also offer local forecasts every five minutes, using local insertion technology. The network is not promising high-

profile celebrity presenters We want to break the mould and introduce a fresh approach based on high resolution graphics," Mr Golding says.

Advertising and sponsor-ship will boost the subscrip-tion revenues from cable operators for both channels. They claim interest from a host of weather-related advertisers, from holiday companies to porridge oats manufacturers.

The average viewing time for such channels in North America is about eight minutes, but viewers tune in three to four times a day.

Both channels claim that they will radically improve the accuracy of weather forecasts in the UK. There is little doubt, however, that the UK's fragmented cable system can only support one 24-hour weather television service. The battle of



Viewers will get local weather updates and features

Michael Jackson defends the BBC's eclecticism and denies it has lost its touch for agenda-setting

e are often told that the BBC has seriously loss? That it's no longer a rallying-point for the nation. I want to explore these claims by looking at some programmes — those annoying trivialities often ignored by pundits fond of sweeping statements about a broadcasting paradise lost.

The most momentous event that I've lived through has been the collapse of the Berlin Wall. Its repercussions have been vast and dizzying. For me, these events have been the acid test of our broadcasting in the past six years - the test of its range, and its depth.

Fall of the Wall. Tales From Prague, Russian Wonderland, The Second Russian Revolution, the nightly Sarajevo: A Street Under Siege, Messengers From Moscow. Siege Doctors, The Death of Yugoslavia — these have been just some of the BBC2 series and seasons that have grappled with the new world order, or disorder, since November 1989. News and current affairs, documentaries, science, music and arts - all have pitched in.

On BBC1 there has been Alexander Solzhenitsyn in The Homecoming. On Channel 4 — Soviet Spring, And the Walis Came Tumbling Down. Bloody Bosnia, and Clive Gordon's remarkable work on Chechenia and the former Yugoslavia. On ITV -Ceausescu's Children, and films by

Yuris Podnieks. Did television 20 years ago have this kind of appetite for ideas, reportage and understanding, faced

with big world events? Well, perhaps the biggest world event of the early Seventies was the Vietnam War. And television in those days was surprisingly shy of addressing the catachysm in South-East Asia. outside regular news and current affairs. From 1970 to 1975, I could find

Television for today no series or seasons about Vietnam listed in the BBC archive. Beyond normal news output, there were just

across both channels, during the last five years of the conflict.
I'm not trying to rubbish television from the past, but it's important to

ten other individual programmes

that reflected the war in some way -

put it in its proper perspective.

The shockwaves from Berlin broadcast a challenge to orthodoxies everywhere. In the 1990s, no established way of doing things was ever going to be quite the same again. This gave rise to two phenomena. One was a great mood of uncertainty. The other ... was a vigorous new curiosity abroad in the world, a freeing of the imagination. People perceived a wealth of new possibilities.

One reason why television is sharper today is because it has been forced to take stock of this new landscape ... As any sociology professor, or taxi driver, will tell you, we're living now in a "decentred" world. There's less of a leading role for the tastes of the educated middle classes, as society breaks up into selfreliant groups with their own tastes,

voices and interests. in this new world of ideas and attitudes, there can be no easy successors to the Grand Lamas of television's past - the René Cutforths and Kenneth Clarks. No single presenter can be a high priest of a particular area of factual output any more - though there'll always be a

place for well-expressed experise.
Television today is less hectoring and less assuming. It's more openminded in a way that might sometimes . . . seem evasive or bland but,

in fact, is more genuinely inquisitive. Even before 1989, the attitudes and energy levels of television had been transformed — and the cause was Channel 4. Channel 4 changed everything about television. It didn't speak to you with ... that patrician voice that seemed to typify so much of television before. There were all sorts of new voices - some strange, some terrifying, some compelling, some unbelievably awful. And Channel 4 didn't fear the contemporary.

he job of the channel controller is both to serve the audience in its separate constituencies, and to bring viewers together for more collective pleasures. It's a tricky balancing act - one that we don't always get right, and one that everyone in television needs to share.

Research has led to the idea of zoning - providing easily recognised places in the schedule for different parts of the audience. And it's encouraged BBC2 to reach ... towards women and younger people, via programmes like Modern Times, a revamped afternoon schedule, and comedy series like Mrs Merton and

Shooting Stars.

Television's ability to surprise must always remain its most redeeming feature ... So serendipity goes hand-in-hand with strategy. We knew that The House would deliver a fascinating insiders' account of a major cultural institution. But it found a much broader audience than we expected . . . Viewers responded to its portrait of fear and loathing in the British workplace.

And Our Friends in the North also



Viewers drew their own message from Our Friends in the North

hit unpredictable nerves. We saw it as a political epic — drama as social history. But the audience saw it as a more personal story — about the dilemmas of staying true to yourself as you grow older, and true to the people you grow old with.

Viewers don't want closed agendas arrogantly handed down. They want to find their own ways through the issues, and mine their own solutions.

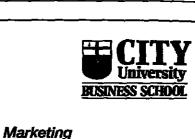
t is for these reasons that the open-ended storylines on East-Enders are some of the richest on television. Not long ago, a newspaper ran a story about how parents cope with learning their children are HIVpositive. An elderly couple talked of the day their daughter gave them the news. Could they comprehend it? Yes. We'd seen a story like it on EastEnders. It helped us understand." That is what television is about - a two-way relationship with an alert, active audience.

Television today is better at expressing the promiscuity of ideas around us. It's no longer frightened that the world is complicated. I'm not saying that programme-makers are somehow better than their forebears. Just that we've learnt to listen to our audience harder.

Yes, society is more diverse. And, yes, the BBC can no longer be a drillsergeant of taste. But precisely because of the new complexity of the world, the BBC is more and more vital as a meeting place, a democratic forum, a confirmer of citizenship.

If you stick to principles of quality broadcasting, the audience will follow you by their own free choice. Few believed the BBC could survive multichannel, deregulated, commercial broadcasting. But we are.

■ The author is Controller of BBC2. This is an extract of his speech to the Royal Television Society last week.



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Major goes into battle over schools

■ John Major will today put education at the heart of the general election battle when he embraces the expansion of selection into a wide range of state secondary schools.

The Prime Minister has spelt out his desire to see more of the country's 1,100 grant-maintained schools apply for the right to introduce selection. Now he hopes church and local authority comprehensives will be encouraged by Gillian Shephard's plans to let schools select 15 per cent of pupils......Page 1

Boy scarred for life by bull-mastiff

A boy of eight has been scarred for life after being attacked by a neighbour's bull-mastiff. The pedigree dog, which had won awards and competed at Cruft's, was later destroyed at his owner's request. Michael Swain, of Bradford, West Yorkshire, suffered serious head injuries...

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Chinese plot to assassinate a candidate in Saturday's presidential elections and have given each one bodyguards Pages I, 12

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Victory for golfer

A woman golfer who punched a businessman from his stool during a social evening won her case for unfair dismissal as manager of the club shopPage 3

Discord over Mahler

Claudio Abbado, director of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. has filed a lawsuit against his record company, claiming that a CD of excerpts from Mahler's symphonies has reduced his work to soundbites Page 5

Teacher's plea

Taiwan's security services fear a A primary school teacher who won £82,500 damages after she was attacked by a ten-year-old boy said her repeated requests to have him removed from her class had been ignored Page 7

Mother's choice A mother who refused to have

treatment for breast cancer to save her unborn child said she was confident she had made the right decision Page 10

War medals for sale

The son of Major-General Orde Wingate, whose behind-the-lines operations turned the tide of the Second World War in Burma, has been forced to sell his father's medals and papers..... Page II

Divorce for Mandela

A South African judge officially ended one of the world's bestknown marriages, granting President Mandela a divorce from Page 13

Rao sets poll date

India will hold a general election in late April and early May, the Election Commission said. The poll will test whether the Congress Party is a dying force after a string of poll disasters and corruption scandals Page 14

Kohl fights for EMU

Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, went into battle in defence of the European Monetary Union

Barrister looks for a fair exchange

■ A barrister is breaking ground by offering his advocacy skills in exchange for other services if people cannot obtain legal aid. Peter Gray, of Canterbury, has advertised on the Internet, offering to do legal work through his local trading cooperative. The Canterbury local exchange trading system is one of 300 dealing in non-sterling currency.....



The Prince of Wales drums up support yesterday for his Prince's Trust during a two-hour visit to Pontins in Weston-super-Mare

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Taking stock: The Stock Exchange is considering dramatic reductions

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 23.4 to 3,693.0. Sterling's tradeweighted index climbed from 83.6 to \$3.7 after a rise from \$1.5310 to \$1.5323 and from DM2.2578 to

SPORT :

Cricket: David Graveney, the secretary of the Cricketers' Association, has emerged as the main challenger to Raymond Illingworth as the chairman of the England

Racing: Royal Athlete, the winner of the 1995 Grand National, has been retired and will not defend his title at Aintree a week on ...Page 45 Saturday...

Golf: Colin Montgomerie has foilowed Jack Nicklaus's example and begun losing weight - 30lb so far with the aim of winning major championships ...

Rugby union: The top English clubs have drawn up a draft contract that would effectively remove any control over players by the Rugby Football Union..... Page 48

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Maestro in court: If Claudio Abbado wants to fight the "compilation" culture, he is entering the fray very late. says Richard Morrison ...

Modest talent: After his triumph in Europe, Woody Allen brought his clarinet to London for a night of jazz. But, says Chris Parker, Allen would be well advised not to give up his day jobPage 33

Small is better: It's third time lucky for Dance Bites, the Royal Ballet's small-scale experimental tour. The 1996 version is, however, the best

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Techno-fear: The barked response to the proposal for a computer chip to scramble television programmes deemed unsuitable for children reveals a hysterical fear by adults of technology ...

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Invasion: How did 9,000 people put up with 400 journalists in their city? Magnus Linklater reports from Dunblane....

The US does not want to go to war with China, but it stands to lose face throughout Asia if it is not willing to exact a price from China for its blatant threats

- The Wall Street Journal Helmut Kohl is the last euro fighter ... If the Social Democrats play up the euro issue in the election, he will ... [argue] that the flight into the German mark will lead to the | Referendum on single currency reloss of hundreds of thousands of Berliner Zeitung | fishing quotas.

Preview: She died horribly because he was a heroin addict. Modern Times: Tracy and Joey (BBC2) 9pm). Review: Lynne Truss is hooked by a series on ferocious weather...

The Swedish model Britain was an early champion of

enlarging the European Union across Scandinavia; that commitment has borne fruit Page 19

Dogs of war

Administrative measures should be stiffened until the conditions under which a dangerous animal can be kept become so onerous that only those provenly capable of taking responsibility for such beasts may own them ...

A short Liszt

Conductors determined to ensure their performances are heard only on their terms may find fewer and fewer willing to hear them at

PETER RIDDELL

The Tories are over the worst, but how long, if ever, will it take to ger into an election-saving, let alone winning, position? That is the central question facing the Cabinet this morning...

SIMON JENKINS

Mr Major has to portray new Labour as the party of the Seventies, because he now cannot afford to do otherwise. This is the most plausible fear, the politics of the big scare. But if the tactic does not work for the next election, it should at least set things up for the one after

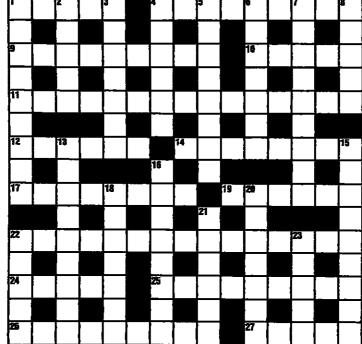
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In the past we have been scrupulous in treating European law with the same importance as domestic law. We have recently seen a number of important expressions of a new attitude...

Jacquetta Hawkes, author and archaeologist; Huschke von Hanstein, German racing driver; Sir Charles Stuart-Harris, former Professor of Medicine at the University of Sheffield Page 21

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- **ACROSS** I US city supplying capital for
- Israel (5). 4 It's difficult to get through this broth, the king found (9).
- 9 Not committed to deliver on idea. 10 Old character causing irritation in the flesh (5).
- 11 Usual rehearsal tending not to be done in theatre (7,8). 12 It's a revelation for motorists to be surrounded by approval in Spain
- 14 David is the fortune teller around the sea-front (8).
- 17 Fire people in which event, members are given cover (4.4). 19 Standard of a forbidding type (6). 22 Housewife can supply these parts of old lady's street (6,3,6).
- 24 Person speaking in body of church is unworldly (5). 25 Atlantic port where a M. Bleriot

came to grief (9). Solution to Puzzle No 20,119



26 What Katy Did, for example? That proves one's right (5-4). 27 Having given up opening, put pressure on lock (5).

I Textiles frequently get sold in parts of ground (4.5).

2 Mark new sheets etc. (5). 3 Girl has spoken of town's leading citizen (7).

4 Stout and wine left at end of party 5 Nurse may require treatment for

arterial trouble (8). 6 Jewel catches involuntary movement of the eyes (7).

7 Preparation for ghost appearing 8 Variety of products new in style

13 Subtle diversification for St. Michael (9). 15 Exhaustion making dissenter collapse (9).

16 Jockey for position in motor cycle trial (S). 18 Take someone's watch with ease M.

20 One doesn't believe article is subsumed in a Times leader (7). 21 A religious scholar came first, but went off (6). 22 New note transformed this composition (5).

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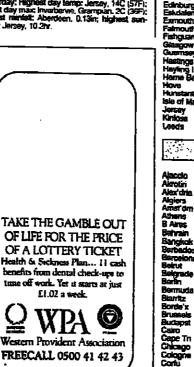
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General: England and Wales can expect a cloudy start and mist in

places but some brighter spells will

Scotland and Northern Ireland can expect an overcast start, and eastern Scotland will also have drizzle and sleet. Some brighter spells are likely in the west with perhaps some sunshine over Northern Ireland and southwest

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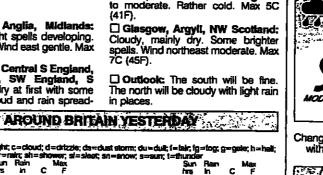
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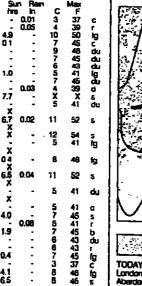
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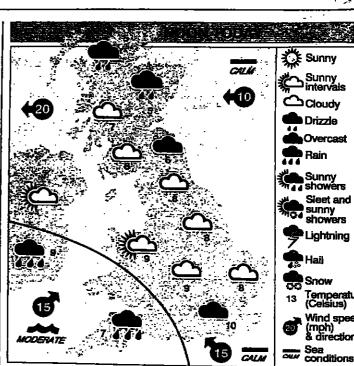
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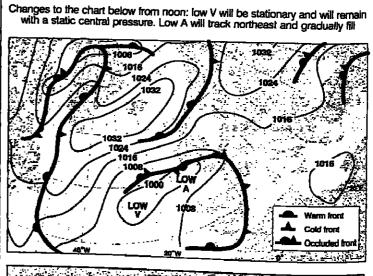


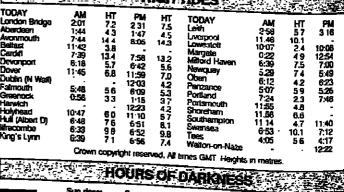


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Names court win could be worth £200m

By Sarah Bagnall

MORE THAN 1,000 Lloyd's names, including Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, won a High Court victory yesterday that should secure damages of up to £200

The names were suing 42 members' agents and the Rose Thomson Young managing agency for negligence in a bid to recover insurance losses of £450 million, an average of £412,000 for each name.

Mr Lang is thought to have lost £800,000. Other Tory MPs involved in the action are Sir Richard Body and David Tredinnick.

Ian Chalk, chairman of the Rose Thomson Young Action Group, said: "It is a notable victory and reinforces our contention that the amount of money being offered to names should be substantially increased from the current level

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" Lloyd's has offered its 34,000 names a total of £2.8 billion, part of which is an outof-court settlement. Mr Justice Morison ruled

that the 1,092 litigating names on Syndicate 255 should re-Pceive compensation that would reduce their losses to a

level suffered if their affairs had been handled competently. He said that Norman Bullen, the syndicate's underwriter, did "his incompetent best but fell well below the standards to be expected of any underwriter who specialised in this market. A competent underwriter would not have exposed names to a loss exceeding 40 per cent of

their underwriting limit. The judge went on: "If he [Mr Bullen] had been respon-

Pennington Business letters.

sibly managed I have little doubt that he would have acted more competently. Names may legitimately ask themselves whether the managing agents did anything to justify their percentage."

The losses incurred by the 1,092 litigating names are the result of a string of catastrophes, starting with the explosion on the Piper Alpha oil platform in 1988, followed by Hurricane Hugo and the Exxon Valdez oil spill.



Ian Lang, who was among the 1,092 successful litigants

The losses from these disasters were concentrated on a relatively small percentage of the Lloyd's membership because of the LMX spiral. This involved an incestuous web of reinsurance contracts between a select number of syndicates. The end result was that the syndicates were reinsuring their own risks rather Mr Chalk said: "I am particularly pleased with the out-come bearing in mind that a former chairman of Lloyd's said publicly that the whingeing names were happy to accept the profits in the good years but are not happy to pay legitimate claims in the bad years'. This judgment has vindicated our claim that the claims were not legitimate." Mr Chalk said that the likely court award would be "substantially" more than the litigants' share of the £2.8 billion settlement package. Their share of the £800 million litigation fund only compensates them for 27 per cent of their losses. The action group

Peter Kindersley said profits in the CD-Rom division rose by 134 per cent to £9.8 million

Dorling CD-Rom business booms

DORLING KINDERSLEY, the publisher of illustrated reference books for adults and children, said that its CD-Rom business has become the fastest-growing part of the com-pany, with 13 titles published since late 1994 including Eye-witness Encyclopedia of Na-

ture (Eric Reguly writes). The company reported pre-tax profits of £8.1 million, up 54 per cent. on turnover of of £80.5 million, up 32 per cent, in the half year to December. An interim dividend of 1.5p, against 1.3p, is to be paid on May 24. Turnover in the

publishes the CD-Roms, rose 134 per cent to £9.8 million. equivalent to 12 per cent of total turnover.

Peter Kindersley, chairman, said the CD-Rom division planned to launch up to eight new titles this year.

Flotation bonanza hope for **Allied**

By Sarah Bagnall

MORE than 500 staff at Allied Carpets, Britain's largest carpet retailer, are set to share in a £40 million bonanza when the company seeks a stock-market listing later this year. According to a source close to the company, Allied is planning a flotation this year,

in a move that is likely to value the company at more than £200 million. More than 500 employees from senior management to

sales staff — own 20 per cent of the carpet retailer's equity, while Asda, the supermarket group, and CINVen, the venture capitalist, each hold 40 per cent. The 200-strong chain was

formed three years ago when Asda merged Allied Carpets, its loss-making subsidiary, with Carpetland Carpet Centres. At the time, Carpetland was majority owned by CINVen, which had provided the finance for a management buyout from Lowndes Queensway, the collapsed retailer, in 1991.

Asda retained a 40 per cent stake in the merged group and has the option to lift its holding to up to 50 per cent depending on the timing of flotation and the group's performance. Allied made a pretax profit of more than £12 million on sales of £200 million in the year to June 31.

Of the 20 per cent equity stake held by management and staff, the lion's share is in the hands of the senior manement team, which is led by Ray Nethercott, managing director. However, more than 500 of the group's 1,900 employees own shares or hold share options.

Asda originally had tried to float or sell its Allied Carpets offshoot in 1987 but the stock market crash in October forced the group to abandon plans as the falling shares prompted potential bidders to

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Cash move

A Central Criminal Court jury heard how the sum of £400,000 was transferred from Polly Peck International to an account in Switzerland, umed into cash, and seni back to London, all in the space of two days, and at considerable expense. Page 26

Optimistic

Rexam, the beleaguered paper and packaging group. sought to counter the impact of a 25 per cent decline in profits in 1995 with an optimistic statement on this year's prospects. Page 27, Tempus 28

SE debates more commercial role

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

THE board of the Stock Exchange is considering proposals for hiving off unprofitable activities and focusing on turning itself into a commercial institution.

Directors discussed the future strategy and likely future roles of the Exchange at an awayday on Monday, when they examined options put forward by external con-sultants with whom they have been working. Headed by John Kemp-

Welch, the chairman, they were asked to focus on two key issues: the fundamental question of what the role of the Exchange should be in the future, and whether it can achieve its objectives at an acceptable cost.

The meeting follows the dismissal in January of Michael Lawrence, the chief executive, after he lost the confidence of the board. His dismissal prompted massive public debate over the future role of the Exchange.

At the Monday meeting, the directors examined the Exchange's statutory role in relation to the listing of company shares. It seems likely that the Exchange will attempt to separate this role and develop its own rules that would mark it out as a commercial operation in competition with other Exchanges around the world and with organisations such as

Tradepoint in the UK. The Exchange loses its settlement role with the introduc-tion of automated settlement under Crest in the summer. After this week's meeting it now seems likely that the Exchange will also give up its unprofitable role of post-trade management, which would mean some job losses.

Tomorrow, the board is expected to approve proposals for the introduction of a fully automated, order-matching trading system. A progress report recommends replacing the current quote-driven system with an order-matching system for all shares, while retaining a so-called "upstairs" quote-driven system for trading unusually large

blocks of shares. Today, Mr Kemp-Welch, Ian Plenderleith, non-executive deputy chairman, and Donald Brydon, a non-executive director, appear before the Commons Treasury Select Committee and are expected to face tough questioning over Mr

C&G leads loan war with 6.95%

than passing them on.

is to seek an interim award.

Mr Lang's presence as a

litigant is significant as the Department of Trade and In-

dustry is in charge of regularing Lloyd's. It is in the process of

determining whether to grant approval for Equitas, the new

reinsurance company being set up by Lloyd's, and a vital

component in the insurance market's bid for survival. Mr Lang has handed responsibility

for this to Anthony Nelson, his

Equitas has appointed Pro-

fessor Tim Congdon, a Lloyd's

name and one of the Chancel-

lor's "wise men", and Michael

Hart as advisers to its invest-

junior Minister.

CHELTENHAM & Gloucester has cut its mortgage rate to 6.95 per cent, the lowest set so far by a major lender in the current mortgage war. The new rate takes effect tomorrow for new borrowers, and from June 1 for existing borrowers.

After the base rate cut earlier this month, the Halifax

Building Society is charging 7.24 per cent, and Abbey National, 7.19 per cent to 7.29 per cent, depending on loan size. The Nationwide Building Society, which cut its mortgage rate to 6.99 per cent before the base rate change, to show commitment to mutuality, has not yet decided whether to make another cut. Among other lenders, the lowest rate (5.99 per cent) is from Bradford & Bingley Direct, part of the Bradford & Bingley Building Society. Early last year, C&G, now owned by Uoyds Bank, pledged that its rate would be 0.25 per cent below the five

major lenders' average. Andrew Longhurst, C&G chief executive, said: "The C&G's move puts paid to the argument that the most competitive rate can be offered only by building societies."

Lucas maintains growth strategy

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

THE search for bolt-on acquisitions and a global partner in automotive components will continue at Lucas Industries despite the departure of George Simpson, chief executive, this autumn to head the General Electric Company.

Although Mr Simpson yesterday pledged to present Lu-cas's full-year figures in October, Sir Brian Pearse, the chairman, acknowledged the urgency of the search for a replacement. It took nine months to recruit Mr Simpson from British Aerospace two years ago, he said. This time "we haven't got that long". First fruits of the restructuring



Pearse: stressing urgency

and redirection emerged vesterday. In the six months to January 31, pre-tax profits climbed 38 per cent to £61.6 million. Overall sales rose 9 per cent to £1.4 billion. But borrowings rocketed to £413 million, pushing gearing to 56 per cent. The cause: destocking by carmakers and rising investment in new plants and products.

John Grant, finance director, said gearing would fall to "the mid-30s in percentage terms by the year end as production got back in step with demand. Mr Simpson said that left Lucas ample scope for bolt-on acquisitions in automotive parts and aerospace. But the strategic vision is a merger or partnership that would create a £10 billion a year business in the top ten of car-company suppliers worldwide. Buying the 28 per cent stake in Valeo, the French parts company, on offer from Carlo de Benedetti, the Italian businessman, has been put aside because the holding is too small to give control.

The dividend stays at 21p, payable on July I with a scrip alternative.

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eeson's bosses may face disqualification.

By Robert Miller

FORMER senior executives of Barings face disqualification as company directors if administrators find evidence that they failed to exercise proper

controls over Nick Leeson. Ernst & Young, the Barings administrator, is empowered under the Companies Act to recommend to the Determent of Trade and Industry that it starts disqualification proceedings against any director who failed to discharge his duties.

The Securities and Futures Authority yesterday responded to criticisms that it failed to take decisive action against Peter Baring, the former chairman, and Andrew Tuckey, his deputy. Last Friday, the SFA said Mr Baring had agreed not to return to the City. Mr Tuckey, now a corporate finance adviser to ING Barings, undertakings from Mr Tuckey that are agreed to play a restricted role in the as powerful as the likely outcome of

securities industry. Richard Farrant, the SFA's chief executive, said the regulator had sought advice from a Queen's Counsel on whether it could mount a prosecution against Mr Baring and Mr Tuckey. To do so the SFA would have to prove they committed "an act of misconduct". There was no such evidence. Nevertheless, Mr Farrant said: "We sought and received

formal disciplinary proceedings would have been had that route been available to us."

Alistair Darling, Labour's City spokesman, said: "Is it right that the most senior executives, who accepted large salaries and bonuses, can then depart voluntarily and leave subordinates to answer all the awkward questions?"

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Judge tells jurors: 'Keep your feet on the ground' Forsyth jury told to ignore publicity

this so-called "secondary

banking operation" by PPI

THE sum of £400,000 was transferred from Polly Peck International (PPI) to an account in Switzerland, turned into cash, and sent back to London, all in the space of two days, and at considerable expense, a Central Criminal Court jury was told yesterday. Jurors in the trial of Elizabeth Forsyth, former aide to Asil Nadir, head of PPI, had to ask themselves why this circuitous route had been chosen

LEADERS of Britain's cham-

bers of commerce yesterday

abandoned their support for

new laws to enforce the pay-

ment of interest on late debts.

council comes after last week's

Government announcement that it is to consider fresh

action against late payment.

The Government is likely to stop well short of statutory

action after an extensive con-

sultation exercise appeared to

show that small firms do not

favour new legislation to en-

force late payment. The sur-

Electricity

campaign

abandoned

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

THE Electricity Associ-

plans for a multimillion-

pound campaign to smooth its image and to

stem Labour's appetite for a punitive windfall tax if

the party forms the next

said: "We will not be

proceding with a cam-

paign. The president test-

ed the water with a letter to

everyone in the association

but there was not enough

support for it."
Plans to spruce up the

power industry's image after public controversy

over chief executive sala-

ries and high profits from

the privatised companies

energy spokesman, reacted

angrily after Ed Wallis, the association's president

and chief executive of

PowerGen, declared that

millions would be well

spent if the cash warded

In a letter to electricity

chiefs, canvassing support

for the campaign — draft-ed by Saatchi & Saatchi —

which would cost between £5 million and £6 million a

year for several years, Mr

Wallis said: "It will obvi-

ously cost money to sup-

port such a programme but it will be small change

compared with the impact

of a windfall tax which

may be the result of a Labour government."

contempt of a large section

of the industry especially

the regional electricity companies who have to

deal with the public.

The plan incurred the

off a severe windfall tax.

John Battle, Labour's

incited Labour's wrath.

The move by the governing

when the money could have charges, the judge reminded been transferred in London at a fraction of the cost, said the

Mr Justice Tucker was summing up in the trial of Mrs Forsyth, 59, who denies two counts of handling, during a visit to Geneva in October 1989, nearly £400,000 allegedly stolen by Mr Nadir from PPI and used to settle private stockbroking and farming

The circuitous route resulted in a loss of £4,200 in banking

prise finding ran counter to

the strong support for late payment legislation from the

chambers and the Forum of

likely to clarify their stance on

late payment at a conference today at which the Labour

Party will set out its small

as part of the overall consult-

ation exercise they had found

that though strong support for

late payment legislation still

existed, it was not sufficient to

sustain a policy in favour of

Support for late payment law had been strongest two

years ago, when companies feeling the effects of recession

needed to maximise their

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Chambers cool

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late payment

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

the jury. Mrs Forsyth, in collecting £400,000 in cash from SG Warburg Soditic, and paying £310,000 into Handlesfinanzbank the following day, had, in the view of the prosecution, been guilty of money laundering. The transaction had been allegedly disguised in the books of PPI to look like a legitimate transfer to Unipac, a PPI subsidiary in

northern Cyprus. Entries in Unipac's books appeared to suggest that the money was indeed recorded as was not generally known to PPT's board. a transfer from PPL Rich businessmen in northern Cyprus, The sum of £307,000 was

Nadir's Leicestershire estate.

Mr Justice Tucker told ju-

including friends of Mr Nadir. transferred to Midland Bank in deposited sums locally with London, and used to settle a Unipac in Turkish lira, and debt with the firm of AJ Bekhor, were reimbursed by PPI in which had bought PPI shares on behalf of Gateway Investhard currency elsewhere in Europe. This provided Unipac ments. Gateway's beneficial with necessary funds, and owner had never been disgave locals a legitimate way of closed. A further £88,050 was moving money out of northern brought back to the UK in cash Cyprus, the judge said. Jurors by Mrs Forsyth, and used to pay had to ask themselves why for cattle purchases for Mr

to disregard the "considerable" publicity surrounding the case.

He said: "You have heard talk of vast sums of money. millions or even billions of pounds and Turkish lira and complex details of company structures to reduce the impact of taxation. We live in a real world where money is not the all-consuming interest.

Keep your feet on the ground." The judge is expected to finish his summing up today.

Norwich Union investors must wait

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

TWO million policyholders who stand to gain windfall bo-nuses if Norwich Union floats, will learn this autumn whether the insurer is to demutualise. Allan Bridgewater, chief executive, refused to say how far investigations had gone, but

called the process "extremely complex and time-consuming". He said: "I do not believe mutuality in general is moving towards extinction. Norwich Union, however, is unique for its size in that it has a range of subsidiary companies and activities overseas. In view of the amount of work to be done, a further statement on the outcome of the investigation cannot be made until much later in

Unveiling worldwide gross premium for the year down slightly to £4.7 billion, against £4.8 billion in 1994, Mr Bridge-water said Norwich Union would pay out £800 million in 1996 to nearly 50,000 customers in the UK with maturing life and pensions policies, a record for the company.

However, he claimed some

of Norwich Union's competitors, which he refused to name, were keeping maturity values artifically high in order to win top placings in performance league tables. Although investment returns had been far lower in the 1990s than in the 1980s, some companies could afford to increase maturity values because they had so few

Norwich Union also said that private motor insurance would rise about 3 per cent this year. General Accident has said its motor insurance premiurns would rise by an average 4 per cent next month.

Worldwide life insurance gross premium income remained the same as last year at £2.9 billion, while worldwide general insurance gross premi-um income fell slightly to ELS billion (£1.9 billion).

The company reduced costs in the UK life business 16 per cent, partly through the loss of 500 jobs. It said there would be job losses in the general insur-

United flies higher in the first quarter

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

UNITED AIRLINES yesterday delighted Wall Street by announcing that its first-quarter earnings would surpass analysts' highest estimates, at least doubling the profit of the

and produce practical advice

Labour courtship, page 29

of an objective nature".

previous quarter.
This is further confirmation that United is recovering from its run of losses since 1989, which ended with a pre-tax profit of \$3 million in the final quarter of last year. That implied earnings per share of \$1.05, but the highest analysts

estimates for the first quarter which United expects to beat are \$2.05.

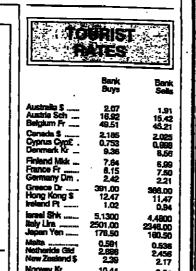
The airline said that rising fuel prices and other increases had pushed up costs slightly. This had been more than offset by higher than expected traffic and yields. United's shares jumped \$7.50 to

The buoyant results will be a boost to the industry since they appear to show that air tavel is not slowing down.

drugs development company launched by six industry veterans, including Sir John Vane, the Nobel prizewinner, announced yesterday that it is to seek a stock market listing. The flotation aims to raise

£30 million, valuing Vanguard at about £80 million. Although the shares will be sold initially to institutional investors, they will start to trade on the London Stock Exchange on the day after the offering allowing individual shareholders to buy. No of SmithKline & French Research, said: "The whole idea

fit their particular franchises." Vanguard conducts no research; it takes drugs that are about to enter early clinical trials and then farms out their development, including clini-



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S&F profits boosted 46% by acquisitions

RECENT acquisitions enabled Singer & Friedlander, the merchant banking group, to report a 46 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £38.9 million for 1995. The main reason was Carnegie Group, the Swedish stockbroker in which Singer took a controlling stake in 1994. Carnegie met earnings targets of between £10 million and £15 million, contributing pre-tax profits of £14.3 million. The dividend for the year is 14 per cent higher at 4p, with the final payment of 2.4p due on June 5.

Anthony Solomons, chairman, said Singer would consider further acquisitions, but "we are very pragmatic about it". He said the firm maintains a high dividend cover since its acquisitions "have involved borrowing and we have commitments to buy out minorities in some of the subsidiaries". Funds under management tripled in value to £3.8 billion, including the £400 million that came with the acquisition of the Knight Williams funds.

Goldman Sachs soars

GOLDMAN SACHS, the Wall Street investment banking partnership, enjoyed a tripling in profitability in the first quarter of its financial year to February 29, making a pre-tax figure of \$565 million. The increase came from improving markets worldwide and from contributions in Europe which included acting on a number of high-profile deals such as the flotation of the National Grid. Revenue for the quarter was up from \$906 million to \$1.464 billion. Expenses were also higher, up from \$746 million to \$899 million as a result of

India deal for Carlton

CARLTON COMMUNICATIONS, the ITV company, confirmed yesterday that it has joined Pearson, the media group, to launch a satellite television channel and a programme production company in India. TV India will broadcast in Hindi starting this spring. Carlton, which is investing £7 million in TV India, and Pearson will each own 15 per cent. Venture capital partners and other Asia companies will own the rest. In a separate development, MTV, the music and entertainment channel, will increase the amount of regional programming in Europe, Asia and Latin America.

Rentokil extends offer

RENTOKIL yesterday extended the offer period on its £1.9 billion bid for BET, the business services group, to April 1. Rentokil added that it had received acceptances so far representing 2.9 per cent of BET's share capital. BET responded by describing the level of acceptances as "low" and repeating its criticism of the bid as undervaluing the company. Rentokil shares closed up 2.5p at 346.5p, valuing the offer for BET at 194.5p a share. But shares in BET closed up 3.5p at 190.5 5p above the offer price suggesting that the up 3.5p at 199.5, 5p above the offer price, suggesting that the market was waiting for Rentokil to increase the bid price.

Psion rises all-round

PSION, the supplier of portable computers, lifted profits to £11.65 million before tax from £6.55 million in the previous 12 months. The total dividend rises to 5p a share from 3.5p, with a final 3.5p. Earnings rose to 32.25p a share from 18.48p. The shares rose 60p to £10.55. Turnover jumped to £90.5 million from £61.3 million in 1994. Sales through UK retail and other distribution channels increased 40 per cent in 1995, while sales to corporate customers soared by 65 per cent.

Graham edges ahead

ACQUISITIONS and organic growth helped Graham Group, the builders merchants, to improve turnover and profit in spite of a deteriorating housing market. Pre-tax profits edged up 2.3 per cent to £19.3 million in the year to December 31. Turnover, boosted by a six-month contribution from Erith, which was acquired in June, expanded 16.7 per cent to £488.6 million, but only grew 5.6 per cent excluding acquisition. The final dividend of 3.8p, payable on May 28, gives 5.7p for the year, up 8.6 per cent, in spite of a dip in earnings to 10.2p (10.7p) a share.

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Clyde looks eastwards

CLYDE PETROLEUM is seeking more Far East assets after buying a third share in the Kakap production-sharing contract in Indonesia last month. Clyde boosted oil production and raised post-tax net profit from £13.6 million to £37.1 million last year, in spite of selling a large part of its interest in the North Sea Gryphon field. A 0.75p final dividend makes a year total of 1.15p, up 15 per cent. Clyde's average oil production grew 8 per cent, to 37,618 barrels of oil equivalent per day, in 1995. It expects net output of 38,500 boepd this year. Tempus, page 28

Exports aid Wellington

WELLINGTON HOLDINGS, the manufacturer of industrial seals, increased pre-tax profits for 1995 to £4.99 million from £4.06 million in the previous year, helped by strong overseas sales and exports. Earnings were 14.64p (13.03p) a share. The total dividend is increased to 7.4p (5.5p) a share, with a 5p final due on May 24. The shares rose 4p to 234p.

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cashflow, they said. But now they saw the practical difficulties of legislation, especially in long supply chains in manufacturing industry. But the chambers supported the declaration by John Major in favour of companies showing their performance on payment in annual reports, as well as their payment policies. The council also called yesterday for a Government commission to be set up to Peek's Jim Sanger, left, executive director, and Allen Standley, chief executive currency. In a letter to Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, the chambers said It's green for go at Peek there was a lack of understanding about what impact a single currency would have on trade and business practice. David Richardson, deputy president, said that business PEEK, the traffic and field data systems group, accomideas on a single currency "ought to feed into a Governpanied a surge in full-year ment commission, representaprofits with news that it has tive of all the significant started 1996 with a record business interests, to consult order backlog, up 30 per cent those sectors on which a single on last year. currency will have an impact

Improved margins and an exceptional profit of £3.9 million on the sale of Peek's stake in TrafficMaster, the traffic control system, helped pre-tax

By PHILIP PANGALOS profits to advance to £16 million in the year to December 31, up from £10.2 million. Turnover increased to £143.8 million (£131.8 million).

Ken Maud, chairman, is optimistic on prospects. He said: "Our financial performance in 1995 was the best in our history. We've entered 1996 with a record order backlog and this, together

with our continued investment in new products and markets. should ensure that further good progress is made in the current year."

final dividend of 2.35p, payable on May 21, giving an unchanged total of 3.4p for the year. Earnings, before exceptionals, rose 25 per cent

There is a maintained to 6.6p (5.3p) a share.

Vanguard seeks SE listing By Eric Reguly VANGUARD MEDICA, a indicated share price range was given by Kleinwort Benson, the underwriter. is to develop drugs that do not Vanguard was founded in 1991. It has few assets and acts like an orphanage for unwant-

ed drug compounds. The founders and its advisory board, all experts in their field, comb through the portfolios of

large pharmaceucticals groups looking for com-pounds that have fallen by the wayside because they lack the broad sales potential. Dr Roger Brimblecombe, its chairman and a former chairman

cal trials, to outside contractors. In some cases, Vanguard develops the compounds with large partners.

Vanguard has produced no profits and does not expect its first products to reach the market until 2000 or 2001.

☐ Barings case shows need for more SFA powers ☐ Green signal for train operators ☐ D-Day approaches for Equitas

Bearing the blame

☐ THE Barings fiasco still has the ability to fascinate and appall in equal measure. It fascinates, because a 28-year-old rogue trader beat what few checks and balances there were to prevent a City house from gambling away its entire capital. It appalls, because more than one year after the £860 million crash the tally of those managers who may be considered blameworthy in allowing such a disaster to happen and who have been called to account for failing to supervise Leeson's trading, is pitifully thin. Nick Leeson is consistent Nick Leeson is serving a 6½ year prison sentence in Singapore. Chris Thompson, a not too senior Bank of England official, resigned after being criticised by the Board of Banking Super-vision report over his role in monitoring Barings. But many, including senior Bank insiders. insist that Thompson was a convenient scapegoat to protect

The Securities and Futures Authority has investigated the role of 16 Barings executives, 11 of whom no longer have links with the merchant bank under the new ING ownership. Five face no further action and nine, who it must be said have also lost their jobs, have been charged with failing to act with due skill, care and diligence in monitoring Leeson's trading activities. They face penalties that range from

expulsion from certain SFA registers to a severe limitation on the work they may undertake in the securities industry for the forseeable future. Some of the nine former Barings executives will also have to pay costs of around £10,000 and, in certain

instances, more. What has met with almost universal disbelief, and anger from the bond and preference shareholders who lost some £125 million, is that Barings's chair-man Peter Baring and his deputy Andrew Tuckey, who both picked up lucrative bonuses courtesy of Leeson's bogus trading, appear to have gone un-punished. The fact that the SFA sought outside legal advice from a leading Queen's Counsel in its dicates how hard it tried to live up to its hitherto hard-hitting

City watchdog image. Clearly that is not enough now. In its extensive de-brief on the Barings case the SFA must look closely at what new powers it needs to ensure sufficient disciplinary clout. The good news is that both the Treasury

and Labour's front bench appear willing to help the SFA so that whichever Government is in power the matter can be settled speedily. But the Barings debacle will not be truly over and ING, the new Dutch owner, will not be able to put the past firmly behind

it, until investors have been properly compensated. This could take the form of an ex-gratia payment costing around £70 million. There is no onus on ING to do this other than that it would provide a happier footnote on which to end this sorry saga of gross incompetence, greedy mis-management and lax regulation.

Rails that could be paved with gold

AFTER so many conflicting smoke signals from Labour, Railtrack marketers will not count their chickens before Tony Blair actually says what Labour will, or will not, do about the privatisation scheduled for May. The latest puffs suggest Labour may finally have abandoned its commitment to a publicy owned or even publicly controlled rail-



way system. You may need to apply a touch of deconstructionist technique to the sentences, but so long as Mr Blair does not pledge to scupper the sale, cham-pagne corks will shuttle full steam between the Department of Transport and the Treasury. Railtrack's sagging sale price

can start creeping up again. Investors in Railtrack are unlikely, however, to be the main beneficiaries of any unspoken bi-partisan approach to rail. As in any market, the best bargains are often struck by those who take on bits that must be sold but are not overtly attractive. In the railway break-up, this

means train operating companies. Bus operators can add most value. No wonder they are queuing up. In some cases, they can use a reform that was intended to boost competition to recreate a public transport monopoly. But stand-alone transport and utility operators have now also seen the advantages of taking on a regulated franchise if Whitehall and the

regulators are on your side. Sea Containers, which was distinctly huffy about the short-ness of rail franchises, has gathered enough enthusiasm and bargaining skill to win pole position in the keen battle for the flagship East Coast Main Line, where it has had to compete with a strong management/employee bid. Générale des Eaux, the huge French utility operator, is still in with a good shout for Network South Central, the service City stockbrokers love to hate.

Générale des Eaux has had a happy experience of Britain's regulated industries, mainly because it has been able to assume the unlikely role of lowprofile outsider. In water, it was deemed a worthy alternative to the ten privatised groups and has been able to duck under the politicial flak hitting local companies. In cable, it was advantageously miscast as a David standing up to Goliath BT.

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Prospects for train operators seemed so dim that the rules have been progressively changed in their favour to attract competitive interest, the only way the franchise director could keep subsidies within bounds. Now many think operators cannot lose, making Labour's passive hostility bearable. Subsidies should still be generous and multinational train operators will not foce the constant bestile. will not face the constant hostile scrutiny that is bound to follow the potential "fat cats" of Railtrack or the privatised compa-ny's profits and dividends.

No dodging the column for Nelson

☐ D-DAY for Equitas looms. The Department of Trade and Industry has set an unofficial Easter deadline for the decision on whether to license the reinsurance company being set up by Lloyd's of London to take over responsibility for risks insured in 1992 and prior years. It is by no

means a foregone conclusion that it will go through on the nod. Rigorous conditions could be attached but a licence should put

an end to the misery.

How glad the President of the
Board of Trade, Ian Lang, must be that his losses as a member of the Rose Thomson Young syndicate bar him from the discussions as they get more heated.

Many names have a strong view about what should happen after all chairmen of Lloyd's past and present have been hung, drawn and quartered. Mean-while the professionals are keep-

ing their fingers crossed that there will still be a Lloyd's to be vilified after D-Day.

Yesterday it was Mr Lang's turn to hear, along with other names, what the High Court could award him Without the could award him. Without the settlement and Equitas and assuming a limitless pot of funds he might be better off, which is a relative term for most names as they assess their indicative statements and try to come to terms with the final costs of their romance with Lloyd's.

As one of the litigating names he could not possibly adjudicate. Lucky old Anthony Nelson has no exposure to asbestosis losses, and therefore will have to make the final decision, which is bound to leave at least half of the interested parties unhappy and

Rexam fights back as profits slump

By Alasdair Murray

REXAM, the beleaguered paper and packaging group. sought yesterday to counter the impact of a 25 per cent decline in profits in 1995 with an optimistic statement on this year's prospects.

Rexam shares ended 14p higher at 374p after Michael Woodhouse, chairman, said: "We are hopeful of the second half particularly since, with a reduced cost base and new investments coming on stream, we can exploit conditions as they improve." But Mr Woodhouse added that the company anticpated the first half of this year to continue to ₹ be slow.

His comments came.after Rexam announced a drop in pre-exceptional full-year profits to £185 million from £231 million. The company was hit last year by a huge increase in a decline in sales caused by customer destocking in the second half of the year. Over-

per cent to £2.45 billion primarily because of raw material inflation. The return on sales dropped from 10.1 per cent to 8 per cent. The total dividend was increased from 13.8p to 14.1p.
The coated products divi-

sion was hit hardest with profits dropping 36 per cent to E31 million. Profits in the engineering and buidling products division also suffered because of the slowdown in Germany, falling 14 per cent to £43 million. But the paper and packaging division managed a small rise in profits to E115 million.

The company has begun the disposal of its Australian engineering division and said that several other non-core businesses would be sold. But Rexam denied that it wanted to dispose of its building or

Shares in the company col-328p last year after the company issued two profit

warnings. But the share price is beginning to climb back this year after the appointment of a new senior management team. Jeremy Lancaster, chairman of Wolseley, the

builder, is due to become chairman on May 16, while Rolf Borjesson, chief executive of PLM, the Swedish packaging company, will take over as chief executive on July 1. David Lyon, chief executive.

said the company would be looking to increase its exposure in emerging markets over the coming year with particular emphasis on India. He anticipated that most growth would be organic but did not rule out making small bolt-on

The capital expenditure budget last year was reduced from £200 million to £188 million with the spend this E150 million. A final dividend lapsed from a high of 517p to of 8p is payable on June 4.

Argent lifts value of net assets

ARGENT, the property group which is backing the 1.1 million sq ft Brindleyplace development in Birmingham, raised its net asset value by 7 per cent to 287p in the year to December (Carl Mortished writes). Argent's retail and leisure investments grew 5.4 per cent in value after good rental growth, but office investments fell 5.5 per cent. Overall the portfolio

grew less than I per cent. Argent has boosted the retail content of its £263 million investment portfolio with the purchase of two shopping centres for £55 million.

Argent's rental income rose from £10.9 million to £15.4 million during the year, but annualised rental income at the year end from the 19 properties was £19.5 million. Pre-tax profto £13.6 million, including a £12 million development

BSG considers dealership sale

By Alasdair Murray

BSG INTERNATIONAL revealed yesterday it was look-ing to spin off its motor dealership subsidiary by the end of the year. Richard Marton, chief exec-

utive, said: "A disposal or management buyout of the Bristol Street car dealership is possible before the end of the year." He said a flotation was less likely because the company viewed the current market conditions as unsuitable.

Mr Marton made his comments after BSG unveiled a 60 per cent rise in full-year profits to £21.4 million. The company was also bullish about prospects for this year, saying that profits in the two core divi-sions, Bristol Street and Britax, were running ahead of last year, with raw materials price pressure easing and the car leasing market recovering. The break-up talk and favourable results pleased the City. Shares rose 3p to 68.5p. Overall turnover increased 18 per cent to £843 million.

Britax, which manufactures automotive components and aircraft interiors, increased operating profits 33 per cent to £18 million, helped by a firsttime contribution from the US mirrors business. The aircraft interiors operation recently won the substantial British Airways contract for first-class interiors and has been picked to provide toilet modules on the new generation of Boeing 737s. Bristol Street also in-

per cent to £14.3 million. The total dividend was unchanged at 3.2p. Mr Marton said dividend cover had been improved from 1 to 1.6 times but was still below the 2 times target. A final dividend of 2.5p (2.5p) is payable on July 1.

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Oftel to propose new BT price cap

OFFEL, the telecommunications regulator, will this morning propose a new price cap that will set British Telecom's pricing structure, and hence the profit potential from its domestic operations, for the next four years. A Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry is likely if BT balks at the proposal.

Currently, BT must reduce its overall prices each year by the retail prices index minus 7½ per cent. The formula, which has saved consumers hundreds of million of pounds on their bills, expires in July. BT has argued that a price cap has become unnecessary because market forces would make it almost impossible for

it to raise prices. The company, however, realises that the cap is unlikely to be eliminated in the short term. All it can hope for is that the constraint will be less severe than the previous one. If it is not and BT rejects it, Oftel will have no choice but to recommend an MMC inquiry.

The relationship between BT and Oftel has been strained in recent months. Oftel accused BT of delaying the introduction of phonenumber portability and BT said that Oftel's proposal to increase its powers to investigate anti-competitive behav-

iour was unacceptable. ☐ BT is facing the prospect of a rebellion by its 19,000 middle managers, who rejected BT's pay offer two weeks ago. The company has offered a 4 per cent pay increase, but refuses to say how the extra cash will be spread around. Members of the Society of Telecom Executives union will vote over the next two weeks on industrial

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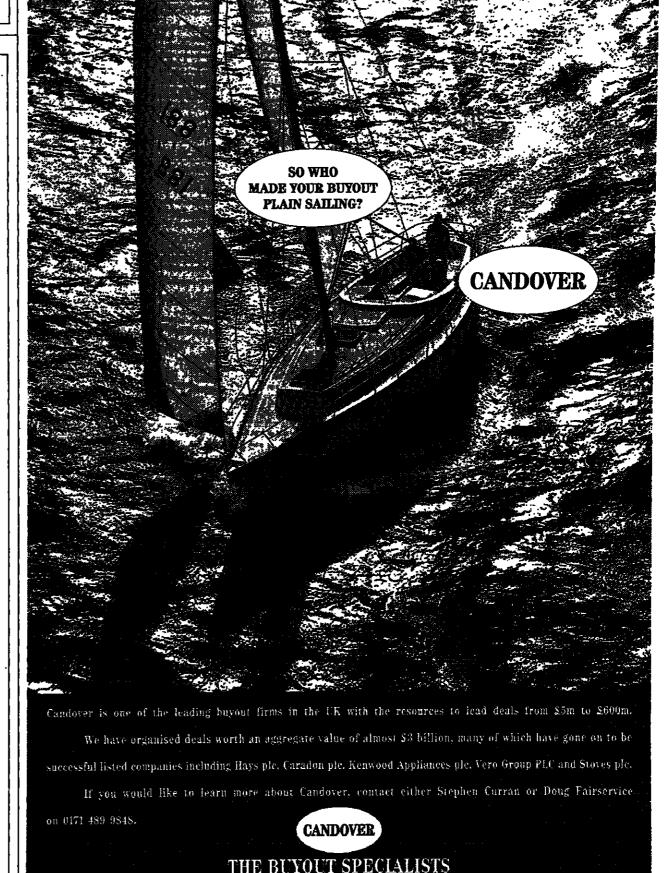
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Profit before tax	U\$\$1,240M	+16%
Profit attributable to shareholders	US\$827M	+16%
Investment property portfolio	US\$8,209M	-1%
Net assets per share	U\$\$5.77	+1%
Earnings per share	US¢52.2	+16%
Dividends per share	US¢20.4	+14%

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rate of US\$1 = HK\$7.80. Dividends are declared in Hong Kong dollars.



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UK traders still cautious despite New York boost

climbed briefly back above 3.700, as it again took heart from a strong performance overnight on Wall Street.

At one stage, the FT-SE 100 index climbed almost 40 points, mostly reflecting the 98-point surge in the Dow Jones industrial average the previous evening. But with the Dow failing to hold on to an early lead in resumed trading. the index in London lost some of its impetus, closing 23.4 up at 3,693.0. Turnover swelled to 884 million shares.

But in spite of the market's resilient performance, traders remain cautious. Falling bond prices on both sides of the Atlantic are continuing to give cause for concern.

P&O stood out with a rise of 17p to 532p amid heavy support for the shares on the traded options market where investors were giving gener-ously for the call. P&O has been a poor performer this year mainly due to increased competition for its ferry operation from the Channel link and the fact that most of its businesses continue to operate in struggling markets.

This has led to talk of a bid for the company, something that Lord Sterling, chairman, would fiercely resist. As a result, there is now talk that he is preparing to dispose of various parts of the business in an attempt to make the group ship-shape and better able to resist an unwanted bid.

The news that SBC Warburg, the securities house, had built up a disclosable holding in Lourho came too late to affect the price, which finished 14p lighter at 208p. Warburg now accounts for 5.65 per cent of the shares. Dealers say the news could lift the price when trading resumes today.

Guinness dropped 8p to 463p before figures tomorrow. with Credit Lyonnais Laing. the broker, becoming increasingly cautious about prospects. But Smiths Industries, the aerospace and mining equipment group, put on 10p to 694p encouraged by the news that Boeing, the US aircraft manufacturer, is increas-

ing production. BY held steady at 352 awaiting publication today of the review from Oftel, the industry regulator, which will put a cap on price increases within the industry.

Meanwhile, recent merger speculation in Cable and Wireless appears to have sub-



Sitting pretty: Richard Marton of BSG International

sided for the time being with the shares slipping 2p to 483p as traders struggled to place a large line of stock overhanging the market. But speculators are refusing to rule out the possibility of BT making a bid

for C&W at some stage. The City breathed a sigh of relief at full-year figures from Rexam. The fact that they were no worse than feared enabled

period. SBC Warburg, the broker, is believed to have cut its forecast for this year by £10 million to £190 million.

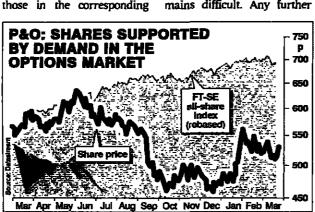
Suggestions that Lucas Industries is now vulnerable to a bid after this week's confirmation that George Simpson, chief executive, is leaving to take over from Lord Weinstock at GEC, unchanged at 359½ p, lifted Lucas shares 7p

Johnstone Press, the regional newspaper publisher, rose 23p to 198p, raising hopes of bumper figures next week. Speculators will be disappointed, with brokers still looking for profits of £17 million. It remains a thin market with brokers quoting a price in 3,000 shares at a time. Just 80,000 were traded yesterday.

the shares to close with a rise of 15p to 375p. As expected, pre-tax profits were down from £226 million to £185 million after being hit by destocking, a drop in volume demand and rises in prices of

paper and plastic resin. The group has given warning that the current year has started badly. It expects profits in the first half to fall short of to 199p. Half-year figures published yesterday showed pretax profits up almost 40 per cent to £61.6 million with the progress expected to be maintained in the second half.

A better than expected performance from Albright & Wilson, the chemcials specialist, lifted the price 14p to 185p. Pre-tax profits fell £9 million to £35 million and trading remains difficult. Any further



made by growing its phosphates business and cost cuts. BSG International, the Britax car seatbelt and motor dis-

tributor, rose 3p to 68½ p on a rise in pre-tax profits last year from EIS million to £24 million. Richard Marton, chief executive, said BSG was considering ways of splitting the two main businesses Britax and Bristol Street in a way that would offer the best benefit to shareholders. The most likely is selling of Bristol Street. The National Lottery has

left a dent in profits at Gus Carter, the bookmaker, losing its shares lp to 64p. Pre-tax profits fell 44 per cent in the first half with extended opening hours eating into margins. Eidos, the software technol-

ogy specialist, surged 72p to a new high of 810p after signing a technology licensing agreement with the Oracle Corporation, the world's leading supplier of software for informátion management.

Psion responded to news of a virtual doubling of pre-tax profits last year with a 60p leap to £10.15. Optimistic comments on prospects failed to offset a disappointing profits performance and the warning of worse to come from Graham Group, off 14p at 185p. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Prices drifted lower in thin trading with investors awaiting today's Retail Sales numbers and tomorrow's inflation figures. The announcement by the Bank of England of details of the next auction accelerated losses. The plan is to issue a further £3 billion of Treasury 7 per cent 2001 for the auction on March 27. Yesterday the Bank issued extra tranches of stock. This included £150 mil-

lion of index-linked Treasury 2 per cent 2009 and £150 million of index-linked Treasury 25 per cent 2020. In the futures pit, the June series of the Long Gilt closed off £516 at £1042332 in thin trading that saw 36,000 contracts traded. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 fell £1132 to £961332, while in shorts, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was two ticks easier at

□ NEW YORK: On Wall Street, shares were mixed at midday, with some investors taking profits after Monday's rally and a strong start to the session. The US long bond was unchanged to yield 6.71 per cent and the Dow Jones industrial average was up 7.95 at CONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

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Stuck in a low gear

IF George Simpson opens a few windows in the dusty rooms at GEC headquarters, all to the good; but his departure from Lucas, where he leaves some unfinished business, is a blow. In his two short years as chief executive, the former Rover boss has done much to change Lucas into a company that can sell the right products at the right price to a more demanding car industry.

Sales growth, at an underlying 5 per cent in the first half, is now outpacing the market. producing a long-overdue profit recovery. Thanks to judicious investment in new plants. and acquisitions, that should continue but two factors cause concern. First, the pressure on margins from car assemblers who reject any attempt to pass on rising raw material costs. Second, Lucas is in a vulnerable position in the second rank of an industry

where, increasingly, leader takes all. The need for a strategic partner is self-evident. Lucas needs a bigger customer base to support the burden of its rising research and development expenditure. It also suffers from £90 million of unrelieved ACT and if Lucas is not to move offshore, it needs to make more profit from its UK businesses to offset the ACT liability.

Lucas could make profits of £180 million to £190 million, which values the shares at 16 years' earnings on a yield of about 4.5 per cent, in line with the market average. That sounds reasonable for a company likely to stay in low gear. With car production falling in Europe and the United States, the Lucas strategy will take years to pay off; a dull outlook, unless an opportunist predator takes a potshot at Lucas before Mr Simpson's successor is crowned.

emerging markets and in-

vestment, although the in-

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A BRUISED and battered Rexam chose yesterday not to gloss over a terrible 1995 but to spell out the problems that took its management by surprise. The company has been on the receiving end of a double whammy — a huge increase in both paper and plastic prices, followed by the loss of sales as leading customers destocked

It seems unlikely that the company will be caught out again this year by market conditions that the management describe as freakish. Raw material prices have decreased from last year's high and seem to be stabilising at more comfortable levels. The destocking process. oss the to end

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	Albright & Wilson, which came to the market last year,
	has fared better than some of its competitors. The chemi-
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by new products with a target of 20 per cent of global sales coming from new products by 1998. Today, that percentage stands at 16 and the company is within striking distance of its goa A strategy based on pushing new products rather than chasing market share is sen-

sible for a small company supplying the food and household products giants.

off quickly, market share gains are often won at the expense of price cuts.

from last year looks set to

prevent profits bouncing

back to 1994 levels. Early

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For longer-term growth, the

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New money spinners are more likely to generate further new products and in the longer term should leave Albright less exposed to margin pressure from large customers and the extremes of the chemical cycle.

Clyde

WITH Iraqi oil exports looming over the horizon, any oil exploration share looks a touch risky. Today, a barrel of oil will cost you \$20 but the June forward price is \$2 cheaper and September Brent is only \$17, a clear warning that the oil market is expecting a soggy summer. bad news for companies like iyae retroleum.

On conservative oil price forecasts. Clyde shares are at a hefty premium to net asset value. That can be justified to some extent by expectations that Clyde's management

tive deals, using their skill at getting more value out of marginal fields rejected by bigger oil companies who operate with higher costs.

But there are other reasons why Clyde shares look inexpensive to certain investors. In the US, oil shares are valued on multiples of cash flow and Clyde, currently trading at some three times cash flow per share is well below typi-cal multiples of four to five times boasted by its American peers.

The comparison is crude and ignores important differences: most US companies operate onshore and therefore need to spend less replacing reserves, leaving more cash in the company. Another worry for Clyde is a rising tax charge from high-tax Indonesian oil. But North Sea oil companies are a useful hunting ground for Americans seeking cheap barrels, and Clyde is among the more

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Feeding time at Lloyds-TSB

NOW that Lord Weinstock has named his suc-cessor at GEC, interest is focusing on who is headed for the hot seat at Lloyds TSB Group, when Sir Brian Pitman steps down as chief executive next

Candidates from inside and outside the bank are being invited to a series of dinners with the bank's directors in gentlemen's clubs. Word reaches me from the offices around the yellow lino on the executive floor in Lombard Street, that Andrew Longhurst, chief executive of the Cheitenham & Gloucester, taken over by Lloyds last year has decided to forgo the pleasure of any more intimate suppers and the job; to keep his athletic

ligure in trim. Looks like Peter Ellwood, deputy chief executive may need to work out a little more, while Alan Moore, his joint deputy, and joint favourite is so slight that insiders say he needs feeding up.

Lighting-up

SIR Jack Stewart-Clark, former managing director of Philips Electrical and vice president of the European Parliament, is opening the doors of his family home in Scotland to businessmen and to-be-weds. Sir Jack, who grew up in the wilds of Dundas Castle, which boasts its own cricket pitch and views of the River Forth, is busily refurbishing its four-teenth-century keep for corporate entertainment and wedding ceremonies. He has already called in a team from Philips to create some "romantic" lighting.



Stewart-Clark: own pitch

Different world

A SIGN of the times at Forte headquarters in High Holborn, where under Sir Rocco's reign only pictures of his exclusive hotels appeared in the lobby. Now, under the down to earth Granada boys, pictures of the midmarket Posthouse and Travelodge have replaced

Side by side

SOMEWHAT bored by the slumbering property market. Michael Slade, chief executive of Helical Bar. has put some of his spare cash into Malaysian gold mines. The vehicle, Avocet Mining, which was set up by two former Anglo American executives, is set to take over a Vancouverquoted company before heading for a £10 million placing and London listing at the end of this month. And who persuaded Mr Slade to back a Vancouver mining stock? Step forward Nigel McNair Scott, chairman of Avocet, who performs his day job as Helical Bar's finance director.

Indirect line

DIRECT LINE's abiquitous red telephone - a high-tech £50,000 motorised work of art with its own steel carrying case has come a long way since its first shoot for the insurance company. "It was never intended to jump," admits an insider. "But when we were filming the first television commercials, it got caught on a piece of carpet and leapt forward."

Labour joins suitors anxious to woo small business vote

Philip Bassett weighs Blair's bid to conquer a traditional

Tory fiefdom

ritain's 3.6 million small businesses are again the target in the pre-election battleground. After a range of new Conservative initiatives for small business announced by the Prime Minister last week. today is Tony Blair's turn as new Labour makes its pitch at business by directly addressing the concerns of small

companies in the UK. At a much-trumpeted London conference, John Maor said that small business was "crucial to the future wellbeing of the UK". Today, at a conference for small business organised by the now independent Industry Forum - a body set up by Labour to smooth contacts between business and the party -- Mr Blair will spell out Labour's approach, including new computer-based infor-mation services aimed at giving small firms the practical advice and help they need.

That the two major political parties are making such an obvious effort to woo Britain's small firms indicates how seriously each side now views the economic importance of small business. And, of course, their electoral importance: "There's a general election looming, says Stephen Alambritis, parliamentary officer of the Federation of Small Business, who will address the conference. "And there are five million

Is it quite as crude as that? Well, politics is politics, and, as employers of that number of people, how small firms are doing is crucial to the "feelgood" factor that each party wants to engender.

Government figures show that three quarters of Britain's small businesses have no employees other than their founder and operator. And evidence from the authoritative British Social Attitudes survey shows that the selfemployed, the very embodienterprise philosophy, are almost twice as likely to vote Tory than are employees generally.

Not any more, insists Labour. "It's not automatic territory for them," says Margaret Beckett, Labour's Trade and Industry spokeswoman, who will open today's proceedings. "In fact, it's territory they have taken for granted for years. They just keep saying more small businesses, without worrying about the problems

Which political party is best for your business



Margaret Beckett, who insists her party best understands the needs of small businesses

Mrs Beckett maintains that small firms have been hit disproportionately by the two deep recessions of the Conservatīve years — in particular by the policy of using interest rate levels as the main lever of economic management. The dependence of small firms on bank financing means that with high interest rates, their borrowing costs are high and the likelihood of overdraft money being called in is high. lan Peters, head of the NatWest's small firms unit. who will join the Institute of Directors, the British Chambers of Commerce, the principal small business organisations, and the Prince of Wales's Youth Business Trust, at today's gathering, suggests small firms are still being hit, with a 35 per cent fall in the number of start-up businesses in 1995 compared with five

Research suggests that all the political parties have considerable ground to make up in the small firms sector.

Detailed work - actually funded, ironically, by the Government's Economic and Social Research Council - carried out by the Small Business Research Centre at Kingston University shows, as the illustrations indicate, a scepticism about any party being best for

ut Labour has cause to be pleased by the findings, with three fifths of the sample of small companies surveyed either viewing a future Labour government as having no effect or a beneficial effect on their business. A majority of small firms also see the minimum wage, one of Labour's key business policies, as having no

Kingston's study concludes that its findings amount to "a rejection of the support for small firms which all the Conservative administrations since 1979 have proclaimed to be central to their policies". It adds that "if the Labour Party. whose support for small busi-

LABOUR AND SMALL BUSINESS

ness while positive is by no means central to their policies, is perceived as likely to help or at least be neutral by the owner-managers, then the practical appeal of Conservative policies can no longer be regarded as strong". Barbara Roche, Labour's

small business spokeswoman, agrees. "We believe that small businesses are vital to the creation of wealth and jobs, and for innovation," she says. "Small business knows Labour is aware of that, and they are aware too of the realities they have faced for the past 17 Ms Roche has hammered

the Government hard on one of the key questions for small business; that of late payment. She has forced an embarrassing series of disclosures on the poor payment practices of Whitehall departments to the extent that the powerful allparty Commons Public Accounts Committee is now considering an investigation into the Government's payment record if its performance

Late payment was a key feature of Mr Major's small business speech last week, with the Prime Minister favouring a statutory requirement on companies to declare their payment performances in annual reports. A consultation exercise with small business has given ministers the opportunity to hold fire again on the issue, to the fury of the Institute of Management, which attacks the Government, and Mr Ma-

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jor in particular, for failing to act decisively on late payment. Labour will also exploit divisions between Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, and Michael Heseltine, Deputy Prime Minister, over his proposal to remove a range of legal employment protection from workers in small firms heightening general fears about job security. Poll evidence commissioned by trade unions suggests that the idea may cost the Conservatives votes, with 64 per cent of those questioned by NOP saying such a move would make them less likely to vote Tory.

John Monks, TUC General Secretary, says: "Conservative electoral strategists must be fuming. Mr Heseltine's plans have diverted attention from the Prime Minister's modest plans for small businesses that make good sense." Neither has Mr Heseltine's gaffe about late payment - the reporting of which he is said to be intensely irritated about - has not helped the Government's

small business standing. Small business, of course, wants something from a possible future Labour government. It wants macroeconomic stability, it wants as little regulation as possible - Labour claims, to some scepticism, that it is seen less as a party of regulation now - and it wants certain specific measures, too. For instance, Stephen Hall, director-general of the British Venture Capital Association, will urge Labour to reform capital gains tax to help to provide finance for new busi-

ness start-ups. In spite of its confidence, and its insistence that on issues like one-stop advice shops and late payment its policies have been in place longer than the Government's, Labour recognises it probably has a good-sized hill to climb in persuading small firms of the value to them — or, at least, the lesser threat — of a Labour government

But its leaders insist that Labour has not only come a long way on the issue, but audaciously - that it is now closer to small business than the Tories. "We have listened and talked to small business for a long time now," says Mrs Beckett, "and we have really taken on board both their needs and their concerns. We are where the Government would like to be."



Two attempts to tackle the EU jobs crisis

espite all the wishful EMU talk, most re-sponsible Europeans now recognise the really urgent problem is not convergence, in a gloomy sense, we already have too much. It is, as Jacques Santer proclaims, unemployment, which has not only undermined budget plans, but is beginning to provoke ugły protectionist members of the EU. Santer's proposal for Europe-wide public works (which could only have been dreamed up in Brussels) has not appealed to members already strug-gling with excessive borrowing: but some are at last coming up with solutions of

their own. Most of us think we know what is working. Sweden like its non-member neighbour, Finland) has taken the British route: unpeg from the mark, and share the joys of export-led, low-inflation growth. The international bond market has awarded large prizes to those who had faith in this market solution. Germany, on the other hand, remains hopelessly over-valued despite the belated cuts in interest rates, and although labour flexibility is now being discussed at a company level, that looks trivial when measured against Germany's well-known rigidities and costinflationary habits. Even the Germans are switching into Swiss francs. It is a picture which appeals to the Basil Fawlty in us all.

However, distance, in this case, lends distortion to the view. Time spent in the company of a major Swedish multinational has provided a new perspective. Why, the Swedes wanted to know, are foreigners so positive about their country? Just try doing business there. Unemployment is rising, despite better growth, for all the familiar reasons - downsizing and the rest. The results for the budget are dire.

This is not surprising, given the almost unbelievable generosity of the Swedish dole. A worker on average wages gets 83 per cent of his previous income, and a poorer colleague on two-thirds of average pay gets no less than 90 per cent. This is half again as high as in Finland, and more than three times as

unemployment, you might conclude, is responding quite naturally to higher pay. Meanwhile, business cost economies are passed back almost undiluted to the taxpayer. The combination of job insecurity now and a higher tax bill in prospect is naturally depressing home demand; exports are indeed higher, but that is limited comfort. NatWest has this week described the reputed Swedish virtuous circle as an illusion: my Swedish friends

strongly agree. They are not much more upbeat about Germany, which is their biggest market and a major manufacturing centre for them; but here the news may be a good deal better than is yet apparent. The Economics Minister, Theo Waigel, has come up with a really good idea: cut the bloated cost of social security contributions, the German tax on jobs, and pay for the deficiency through higher VAT. Perhaps a rise of as much as 5 per cent. The details are still shrouded in pre-election secrecy, since this will hardly be popular.

However, Julian Jessop of HSBC has penetrated the smokescreen with some official estimates. The nub is that a 5 per cent VAT increase would cut employment costs by 3.5 per cent. If the German trade unions did not claim compensation for the rise in retail prices, that would create 300,000 jobs in about three years. Meanwhile, the mere announcement would unleash a beat-the-Budget mini-boom in consumer spending, relieving German industry of much onerous

A drop in the ocean? An inadequate back-door devaluation? Yes, if you look only at the fact that German employment costs are about twice those in the US; but the principle of the thing is so encouraging. The non-wage costs of the social market economy are beginning to look crippling and the best way of removing free-lunch illusions is to make the workers pay more directly for their own benefits. A small proposed step on a long road; but at least a step in a sane direction.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Lloyd's offer is one to accept gratefully . . . or one that raises questions

From R. F. May Sir, As one of the new relatively wealthy, after selling a business, and without much persuasion, I joined Lloyd's in 1988, though being cautious enough to write a minimum £250,000. Three years of losses later, I resigned and hastened to litigate to recover losses

approaching £40,000. So now we have an idea of finality — in my case an additional £35,000 — and the whole enterprise will have cost nearly 25 per cent of my line, something short of £50,000 after tax. A typical case, perhaps not,

and I am eternally grateful not to be counted among those unfortunate souls who have lost everything and suffered accordingly. But, with hind-

From D. M. Peterman

Sir, Peter Baring, now in his

sixties, is to retire a year or two

early with only a few million

pounds to comfort him in his

autumn years. Andrew

Tuckey is being forced to restrict his activities to corpo-

rate finance, from which he

earned a reported £500,000 in

the year following the collapse

Executive life after the Barings collapse

sight, the finality cost compares favourably with losses many of us faced one day in

I will accept Lloyd's offer with alacrity, sadder and wiser maybe, after an expensive investment decision. A personal guarantee in a commercial enterprise has al-

ways had consequences known to the guarantors and we had the opportunity to meet and judge those managers and underwriters whether roguish or merely incompetent lurking in any organisation. Many of us broke the cardinal rule by investing in a business or dealing with agents we knew little about. I suggest that the additional investment, whether mas-

saged or not in Equitas.

of Barings. The prospect of

this sort of disciplinary action

must instil a chill terror in the

hearts of all those working in

the City.

"Scarletts".

Wargrave,

Yours faithfully.

Scarletts Lane,

D. M. PETERMAN.

cheaper cost than fighting alone against rafts of lawyers, who may not be bent, but are certainly bent on getting richer. Yours faithfully, R. F. MAY.

Long Ridge, Sutton, Macclesfield. From J. D. Burrows

Sir, Members of Lloyd's are receiving the settlement offer to cap their liability. But what precisely is this liability that we are alleged to In my case, and it seems, the

majority, it arises from unquantifiable ashestosis claims and from unpredictable costs of clearing deliberately dumped noxious waste material, which subsequent legislation required retrospectively. I have tried over many years

to obtain evidence to establish my obligation and justify tak-ing steps to remedy the pos-ition. So far all I have been able to obtain from my agents is the 35-page, 1995 Found Document, Keene Corporation v Insurance Company of North America, where it was held that exposure to asbestos

provides a surer shield at a causes "bodily injury" and that "the policies that were issued to Keene relieved Keene of the risk of liability for latent injury of which Keene could not be aware when it purchased insurance". It is stated, "When Keene purchased the policies, it could have reasonably expected that it was free of the risk of becoming liable for injuries of which it could not have been aware prior to its purchase of the insurance". The US Court states: "We

conclude that the insurer is liable in full, subject to the other insurance provision." If Keene, the insured, and

therefore the proposer of the insurance, could not have been aware of the risk of liability how could we the insurer, have been aware? I or my agent can only insure that of which we are made aware at inception of the policy. I need answers to these

basic questions before I can even consider Lloyd's offer to settle a risk of liability it appears I cannot have. Yours faithfully, J. D. BURROWS, Copyhold, Church Lane, Bury,

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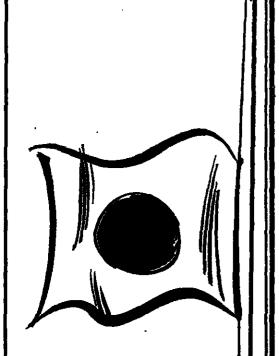
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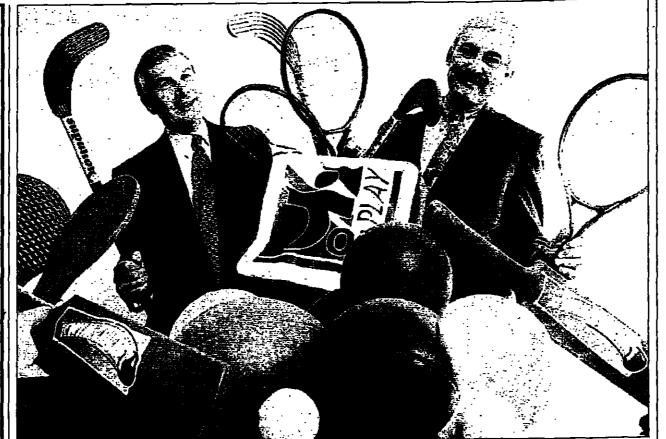


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David Mansfield, chief executive of Nottingham Group Holdings, and Richard French, finance director, hope that new products will help fuel future growth after the educational equipment supplier reported pretaxprofits of £6.9 million in the year to December 31 and a final dividend of 3.91p, giving 5.75p (5.52p) for year

Albright & Wilson beats malaise with expansion

ALBRIGHT & WILSON, which makes ingredients for household products including detergents, toothpaste and Coca-Cola as well as chemicals for industrial brushed aside most of the malaise which has hit the chemicals sector to increase pre-tax profits 24 per cent.

The chemicals company, which was spun off from Tenneco, the US oil company. last year and returned to the London Stock Exchange after a 17-year absence, made pretax profits of £55 million for the year to December 31.

Robin Paul, chief executive, said that the worst of the raw have stalked most chemicals divisions for the past two years was over. Last year the company spent £43 million extra on raw materials, a 10 per cent rise on the previous

Fuelling Albright's growth against adverse market conditions was the company's boost to capacity in its phosphates, focusing on higher value products in surfactants output.

Its confidence in phosphates was underlined last November when the company began an £8.5 million expansion of a purified phosphoric acid plant at Whitehaven, Cumbria, which will deliver an extra 30,000 tonnes per year and

produce more higher-purity acids. But, despite a strong performance in its first year back on the market, Albright has ruled out any big acquisitions or significant shifts of

Dr Paul said it plans organic growth and also to make several disposals of activities that are not part of mainstream chemicals.

The company — which is committed to producing 20 per cent of world sales from new products by 1998 -- introduced several goods, particularly in speciality chemicals, last year.

In that division, a water treatment product and a corrosion protection agent stimulated significant sales after winning US environmental protection agency approval.

Albright's new products — those brought on to the market within the past five years - account for 16 per cent of its

Albright took a £5 million charge to cover job reductions and a reorganisation at its Spanish operation as well as job losses across its speciality chemicals division and at its head office

The final dividend, which is payable on May 22, was set at 4.35p, making a total for the year of 6.5p.

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Review will see up to 500 jobs lost at Claremont

CLAREMONT GARMENTS. the clothing manufacturer, yes-terday said it was to axe up to review aimed at boosting its flagging profits.

The news came as the company reported a slide in pre-tax profits from £15 million to £12.9 million in the year to December 30. Profits suffered from the

combined impact of a significant fall in second half sales, the need to reduce prices in order to generate sales and rising raw material costs. The result was worse than City analysts expected having already cut their forecasts by

when Claremont warned that profits would be similar to the previous year's level. Peter Wiegand, chairman, said: "We regard this as an

about £2 million in December



Wiegand: announced review

unacceptable result." The company, which supplies more than 90 per cent of its output to Marks & Spencer. managed to lift sales from £158.6 million to £172.9 million with like-for-like sales ahead 5 per cent.

Mr Wiegand said the re-

view "involves a thorough and comprehensive examination and overhaul of all our principal business processes. systems and organisational as sacrosanct".

It aims to increase gross margins, which are under ture, and to cut overheads. Mr Wiegand said 1996 profits would be hit by the £6 million cost of implementing the review's conclusions but that this would be outstripped by the resulting benefits to overheads. The news prompted analysts to cut their forecasts for 1996. He added that margins remain under pressure. The final dividend was lifted from 5p to 5.25p, making a total for the year of 9.65p, up from 9p. The dividend, due July 1, is being paid out of earnings of 16.1p, down from 20.7p. The shares were down

Primary Health Properties, which has been formed to invest in healthcare properties such as doctors' surgeries, has floated on the Alternative investment Market, raising £19.4 million through a placing by Collins Stewart & Co.

LEGAL NOTICES

Kingsbury lifted by sales surge

By Sarah Bagnall

SHARES of Kingsbury Group, the furniture retailer that came to the market last on the back of a 50 per cent leap in underlying profits in the year to December 23.

Pre-tax profits before exceptional items rose from £2.7 million to E4.1 million on sales ahead 26 per cent at £78.3 million. The inclusion of £800,000 of costs relating to the group's flotation reduced pre-tax profits to £3.2 million.

The shares rose 34p to 223p , compared to the flotation price of 100p. The group, formed from the remnants of high street casualties Waring & Gillow and Maples. specialises in out-of-town centres.

Kingsbury also said that Denis Cassidy, chairman, and part of the management team that refocused the group and restored its fortunes, was to leave the board at the company's annual meeting on May 2. He is to be replaced by Struan Wiley, who joined as a non-executive director in November.

The final dividend of 2p makes a total for the year of 3p. up from 2p. The dividend, due May 10, is being paid out of pre-exceptional earnings of 10.6p a share, up from 7.1p.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

SIG pays £38m for German distributor

SiG, the former Sheffield Insulation Group, yesterday furthered its European expansion by buying into Germany's distribution network covering its core areas of insulation and related products. SIG bought WKT Group for £38.9 million and acquired a half share in Golinski Group for £7.5 million. Norman Adsetts, chairman, said that the purchases would provide a platform for the company to establish itself as a major European distributor of insulation goods.

SIG's pre-tax profits in 1995 rose by 22 per cent, to £24.1 million, which included a small contribution from Komfort Systems, an insulation materials producer acquired last year. SIG, which stands to benefit from higher insulation standards for new buildings introduced last year, was upbeat about its prospects for this year. Mr Adsetts, who is to retire next month, also forecast growth in industrial and commercial building activity in 1996. The final dividend, due on May 15, is 4.4p, lifting the total to 6.6p, up 10 per cent on 1994.

Antofagasta's 104% rise

ANTOFAGASTA, the London-quoted mining and banking ANTOFAGASTA, the London-quoted mining and banking group, has unveiled a 104 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £78.2 million for 1995, helped by increased mining production and high copper prices. Antofagasta, which is majority-owned by the Luksic family of Chile and Banco Central Hispanoamerico, is paying an increased dividend of 6.5p for the year, up 30 per cent, of which the final 4.5p is payable on June 27. The group said lower prices for metals are likely this year, which will have some effect on all its companies.

Secure bonus dividend

SECURE TRUST, the financial services group, is making a special 10p dividend payment as it celebrates the tenth anniversary of a management buyout. Its shares rose 20p on the news, closing at 515p. The special payment makes a total dividend for the year of 28p, up 70 per cent on the previous year, and is due with the final dividend of 12.5p on May 20. Pressay profits for 1005 were 0 per cent higher at 60.2 million. Pre-tax profits for 1995 were 9 per cent higher at £9.2 million. The firm said its personal financial services business and its private and merchant banking arm increased profitability.

Gus Carter tumbles

FULL-YEAR profits at Gus Carter, the bookmaker, blamed competition from the National Lottery for a 44 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £611,000 in 1995. Overall turnover increased by 3.3 per cent to £45 million but declined by 2.4 per cent on a likefor-like basis. Gus Carter is paying a maiden dividend of lp due on April 25. The company was floated in May at 80p but a profits warning in the autumn caused the share price to crumble and the company has since been at the centre of takeover rumours.

Whatman lifts payout

PRE-TAX profits at Whatman, the separations technology specialist company, fell to £8.85 million in 1995 from £10.7 million after a £2.5 million charge against restructuring. The company is lifting the total dividend 5.4 per cent to 11.8p a share, with a 7.8p final, payable from earnings that fell to 23.5p a share from 29.82p. David Smith, the director of research and development, takes over as chief executive on the retirement of Colin Knight.

Appleyard ahead

APPLEYARD GROUP, the motor distribution company, lifted pre-tax profits by 9 per cent, to £8.8 million, in 1995, in spite of adverse market conditions. The company said that finalquarter trading in its passenger car division was as difficult as at any time in the last recession. Earnings per share were 8.8p. up 5 per cent. A 3.1p final dividend lifts the total to 6.2p, from 5.8p. The company said that action to counteract weakness in the retail sector would lift the passenger car division this year.

Delphi final higher

DELPHI GROUP, the human resources company serving the information technology industry, has increased the total dividend for 1995 by 50 per cent to 4.5p a share, paying a 3p final. Pre-tax profits were £9 million last year and earnings were 25.42p a share. In 1994 the company's continuing businesses earned profits of £3.6 million but net exceptional charges of £4 million resulted in a pre-tax loss of £391,000.

Hampden Homecare up

HAMPDEN HOMECARE, the retailing group based in Northern Ireland, lifted profits to £1.5 million before tax in 1995 from £876,000 previously. The company, which operates franchises for Texas Homecare, Allied Carpets and Kwik-Fit Holdings in Ulster and the Republic of Ireland, is lifting the total dividend to 2p a share form 1.2p, payable from earnings of 6.3p (3.57p). The final dividend of 1.5p is due June 28.

James Fisher advances

JAMES FISHER AND SONS, the shipping company, saw pre-tax profits jump to £5.3 million in 1995, from £2.28 million in 1994. A £5.7 million surplus from selling ships lifted operating profits from shipping to £10.76 million. Losses from continuing port activities fell to £1.99 million (£2.7 million), but there were restructuring charges of £2.89 million. Earnings, adjusted for exceptional costs and discontinued operations, were 12.14p a share (6.33p). The total dividend doubles to 2p with a 1.5p final.

They've invested over £1 billion in Livingston, and it's still rising.

Livingston is fast becoming the land of the rising sun. 16 Japanese companies have invested over £1 billion here in recent years. Many of them are now in their second and third phases of development. NEC is building one of the largest inward investment projects in the UK with a further £530m being spent to produce the next generation of memory chips. Shin-Etsu Handotai is spending £180m expanding its silicon wafer production. They're all investments that are paying good dividends. For example, Mitsubishi and NEC in Livingston have consistently delivered the fastest growth of any plant outside Japan. Do as the Japanese do. Call 0131 313 4000.

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FIG flotation seeks £6.6m

FIRST Information Group (FIG), the independent multimedia production company specialising in CD-Roms for the consumer market, will be capitalised at £37 million when it floats on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM) next week.

FIG is looking to raise £6.6 million through a placing to reduce debt and to fund the development and production of further titles. KPMG Corporate Finance is the nominat-

Tilney the broker. Dealings begin on Monday.

The company was founded in 1980 by a team of television broadcasters. Chrysalis Group acquired the business in 1988 and developed it into a multimedia producer, before selling to the current management team in 1993. The new management team expanded the company's multimedia activities into the production and distribution of its own consumer titles under

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■ MUSIC I

If Claudio Abbado wants to fight the "compilation" culture, he is entering the fray very late



MUSIC 2

Daniele Gatti is equally at home with Bruckner and Mozart, as he enjoys a final fling with the LSO

THEXITIMES



■ MUSIC 3

After his triumph in Europe, Woody Allen brings his clarinet to London for a fun-filled night of jazz



TOMORROW

The world according to toys: Disney's new animated film Toy Story lifts the lid on childhood friends

Who killed the great dictators? At home in the



hat has prompted . Claudio Abbado — the most mild-mannered of men — to take his own record company to court for chopping up his old Mahler recordings and using them on a cheap compilation disc? The short answer is that Abbado, conductor of the Berlin Philharmonic (and therefore a pretty big cheese in orchestral life), believes that he has legal rights which prevent such demeaning, mix and match treatment of his performances. The court proceedings should be fun. I

hope the judge is musical. The long answer is gloomier. This is no isolated spat between maestroand record company. The issue of compilation discs goes to the heart of a malaise in the classical music world. Compilations often vastly outsell new recordings; they are cheap to produce; they are usually of reasonable quality; and they appear to offer - like Classic FM - a painless way into musical appreciatic for the unconverted.

The problem is that the unconverted never seem to take the next step. the one that requires them to buy a ticket for a concert. Since compilation discs and Classic FM came on stream (both took off in the early 1990s) concert attendances have plunged. not risen, Indeed, the soundbite culture of the compilation disc seems actively to discourage attendance at a "boring" concert of symphonies.

Thus, orchestras are threatened on two fronts. They aren't getting recording work, because record companies can raid their near-limitless back-catalogues. But they also aren't wooing punters to concerts.

So is this a tale of big bad multinationals exploiting, and then discarding, poor defenceless per-

Claudio Abbado's court case highlights the diminished status of the modern maestro, says Richard Morrison

formers? Well, no. Present-day con-ductors, Abbado included, should have seen this coming years ago.
After all, they are paid handsomely to display "the vision thing". But they were complacent or, worse, compliant. Perhaps they were reluctant to jeopardise their precious "relationships" with the record companies that they supposed would support them for life. Only now has it dawned on them that they and their orches-tras are heading for redundancy early in the 21st century.

There is another, perhaps more insulting, point. If today's top conductors had a tenth of the charisma of their great forerunners, none of this might have happened. If a Klemperer or a Toscanini were around now, people might actually be interested in buying new orchestral recordings. As it is, there is only one truly charismatic conductor in the world today: the eccentric, reclusive, petulant, unpredictable, monstrously demanding and astonomically well-paid Carlos Kleiber. And since he makes few records, abhors publicity and limits his concert appearances as ruthlessly as his repertoire, he is hardly the man to lead a populist revival of the classical music business.

The shortcomings of the present generation are cruelly exposed this month by EMI's seven-CD collection, The Art of Conducting. True, it is yet another compilation, but a distinctly upmarket one: a chronicle of great conducting, from a spluttering 1914 recording of Arthur Nikisch to Bernstein and Karajan in the 1970s. Here is Stokowski blasting Bach

into the diesel age; Barbirolli coaxing unsurpassable eloquence in Elgar; Szell whipping his Cleveland players through Dvořák; Strauss grappling to steer something called the "Augmented London Tivoli Theatre Orchestra" towards an approximation of his Rosenkavalier suite. Here is Furtwängler wringing tragedy from the final wisps of Schubert's Unfin-

6 Few conductors today have a tenth of the charisma of their forerunners 🤊

ished, and Klemperer doing his Old Indomitable act in Beethoven's Seventh. Toscanini is represented, of course; so are Busch, Walter, Reiner, Koussevitsky, Weingartner, Beecharn...yes, the very names evoke a grander era. This is musical autocracy at its finest: wilful, uncompromising, mesmerising.

Why don't we get conductors like that today? Haitink. Abbado, Dohnanyi, Rattle, Jansons: they are good musicians. But charismatic? Awe-some? Towering? Not adjectives that immediately spring to mind. You might as well compare John Major with Churchill as compare the modern maestro with Toscanini.

Admittedly, ours is an anti-authoritarian age. Though many top conduc-tors of the 1930s made honourable stands against one Great Dictator or another, they were not averse to using heavy-handed methods in their own rehearsals. The unquestioning obedience demanded by a Szell or a Reiner would simply not be granted now. Many of today's younger conductors try to be nice to orchestras. and you can hear the results in their

milksop music-making. But there are other reasons for the diminished status of the modern conductor. In opera houses, even senior conductors (with the exceptions of Levine at the Met. Muti at La Scala and Gergiev at the Kirov) now play second fiddle to the stage director - if not third or fourth fiddle behind the designer and lighting director as well. Musical values are mocked by wacky stage concepts, and conductors don't seem to object.

problem. Of the 16 conductors on the EMI collection, two (Bernstein and Strauss) were distinguished compos ers themselves, and most of the others had close connections with living composers (Toscanini with Puccini, Beecham with Delius, Weingartner with Brahms, Nikisch with Tchaikovsky, and so on). They were attuned to what their contemporaries were creating.

Then there's the "modern music"

Few of today's top-league conduc-tors (Rattle is a shining exception) are committed to championing the new; many loathe the new scores they foist on the public. So at the very top of the music profession, the crucial relation-

ship between composition and interpretation has become hopelessly dysfunctional.

If Abbado and his colleagues are wise, they will now urgently redefine the task of "being a conductor". To the wider public, symphony orches-tras are remote objects: 19th-century inventions playing mostly 19th-century music in 19th-century clothes. Decades of complacency have turned classical music appreciation into the preserve of an ageing middle-class

Many orchestras in Britain and America have realised this, and have made "music education" — in the broadest sense — a priority. Some conductors, notably Rattle in Birmingham and Leonard Slatkin in Washington, have been commendably supportive of this vital work. But others seem too obsessed with their own status in the hierarchy to notice that the whole business is heading for the rocks.

The giants of earlier generations would never have fallen into that trap. Bernstein, Toscanini, Klemperer: these were men who had a power-'ful vision of how the world should be, as well as how the tunes should sound. But talk to the present bunch and you rarely sense any burning desire to spread the good news about classical music.

Well, they must change or die. Nobody wants their recordings any more; their concert attendances are dwindling; they are not on the same wavelength as the best living composers; they have been deprived of power in opera houses; their interpretations, by and large, don't excite us; and they haven't got the imagination to see a way out of the present malaise. What's the point of

At home in the light and dark

SUNDAY brought one of the most evenly balanced concerts of the London Symphony Or-chestra's Bruckner-Mozart Series. In some of the previous programmes one composer had fared better than the other, but here Daniele Gatti. enjoying perhaps a last fling with the LSO before becoming music director of the Royal Philharmonic in September, proved himself equally at home in both areas.

The concert opened with dark, almost Romantic Mozart: his Adagio and Fugue in C minor for Strings, in which tension pulsed from the first bar. Gatti built dense textures and moulded every phrase before unleashing a closely argued fugue of tumultuous

energy. The contrast provided by the sunny charm of Mozart's earlier Concerto for Flute and Harp could not have been greater. Gatti, a natural Mozartian, seemed to take delight in the fantasy of this music, but he maintained a disciplined accompaniment to the soloists. Paul Edmund-Davies, the LSO's principal flauLSO/Gatti Barbican

tist, played with full, shiny timbre, in delicate contrast to the shimmering waves of sound Bryn Lewis obtained from his harp.

Gatti chose the original version of Bruckner's First Symphony, and revelled in its rough edges. Conducting from memory, he welded all the opening movement's strands together. He wields a fluid baton that was well suited to the screne flow of the Adagio. It was unashamedly emotional, but refined orchestral playing kept the music in check.

Quiet was shattered by the fierce Scherzo, in which the lightly scored Trio is the only respite. The strings' disciplined attack here led naturally into a blazing Finale which is the only one in Bruckner's output to begin fortissimo. Moments of pastoral repose apart. Gatti never allowed the voltage to drop.

JOHN ALLISON

Into the Outback

CHRISTIAN LINDBERG should have had a crash helmet. At the speed he was going in Jan Sandstrom's Motorbike Concerto a trombone mute is of little use - as he found when he went into a spin in the final bars. In a way, though, it's a satisfactory, even cathartic ending: one would not want any harm to come to the obliging trom-bone soloist but the biker he represents in his scruffy red leathers, roaring around the Everglades. Provence's mountains and the Australian outback, deserves all he gets.

The Motorbike Concerto may not be great music but it is a great vehicle for Lindberg. who clearly enjoys doing imessions as much as he enjoys playing a sentimental vib-rato-laden melody. The rising elissando of the accelerating engine and the fall in pitch of the gear change, the grumb-ling of the didgeridoo, the charming chorus of Disneyland crocodiles were authentically rendered. He does all this, moreover, with such unembarrassed conviction that even an accident, such as the slide falling off his trombone, could be taken as just another

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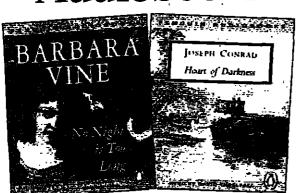
eccentricity, as theatre or even as high art.

The problem is that he can convince only those who are there to see him. The empty seats in the Free Trade Hall represented significant scepti-cism in the Hallé audience. Not even Dvořák and Sibelius could persuade the people to take a risk with Sandstrom; a pity because they would have enjoyed the mellifluous performance of Dvořák's wind Serenade in D minor and Kent Nagano's passionate interpretation of Sibelius's First Symphony.

Nagano has sometimes seemed to be determined to refine away the traditional Hallé sound. In this case, in the Sibelius, he allowed it to restore itself. It was encouraging to hear that the characteristic robustness and sincerity are still there when

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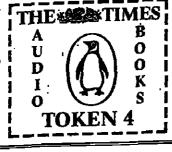
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Joke with no punchline

A sked for his reasons for touring Europe with a New Orleans-type jazz band, Woody Allen placed a great deal of emphasis on fun". He stressed his status as keen amateur and even craved audiences' indulgence: "Please, folks, I'm a filmmaker, don't judge me too harshly." The jazz world, on the other hand, responded with its customary sardonic defensiveness, circulating the joke about two musicians discussing Allen's playing. One says: "Have you heard him play the clarinet?" Reply: "Yeah — the only time he are Yeah — the only time he ever made me laugh.

Such prickly, graceless re-sentment would have found few reasons to mellow in Allen's London concert, the last date in what has reportedly been a triumphant month-long progress through Europe. A capacity audience, Woody Allen

Festival Hall

only too eager to demonstrate almost exclusively of clappers on 1 and 3, had assembled with the sole aim of enjoying themselves. They greeted each short piece's characteristically abrupt cymbal-crash ending with a storm of applause, and joined the band's various vocalists in old favourites such as Down by the Riverside and somewhat bizarrely - We'll

Meet Again. Allen's clarinet playing is described by the star himself as "sub-mediocre". Like that of the genre's most celebrated reedsman, Sidney Bechet, it relies heavily on vibrato, but

ver grace and agility. Allen is logical and sensible, picking his way through solos with all the fussy care of a walker fording a dangerous stream. His tone, too, lacks body and warmth, so the gloriously uncomplicated exuberance that should characterise this collectively improvised music was largely lacking from his

contributions. The other band members eclipsed him, turning in performances that reflected their professional status and injecting life into old warhorses such as the comic I'll be Glad when You're Dead, You Rascal You and the downright offensive When Rastus Plays His Old Kazoo. As for Allen himself, while he is undoubtedly a better clarinettist than Naomi Campbell is a novelist. he would be well advised not to give up his day job.

CHRIS PARKER

there the resemblance ends. composed - as they were later Where Bechet was all quicksil-

PORMED in 1984, the Flaming Lips passed through a series of smalltime indie labels before settling with Warner Bros at the height of Ameri-ca's grunge explosion. But despite major label backing, this Oklahoma quartet seem to have deliberately distanced themselves from what is fashionable, and remain too eccentric to be bracketed into

one particular genre.
The title of their latest album, Clouds Taste Metallic, hints at the surreal nature of their music. This is underlined by the album's opening track, The Abandoned Hospital Ship, which they played early in their set, featuring Wayne Coyne singing a slow,

virtually unaccompanied vo-



cal before taking off into a hail of distorted guitars and heavy drum beats.

Though the Flaming Lips look like an average lineup of two guitars, bass and drums, what makes them different is the way they use their instruments. Coyne played lead guitar, while fellow guitarist Ronald Jones offset him with feedback and Michael Ivins added loping bass lines. The real revelation was the drummer, Steven Drozd, who jug-

Doing their surreal thing gled between his drum kit and a set of keyboards, while the band switched from quiet ballads to full-blown instrumentals and back again dur-

ing a single song.
Their subject-matter, with titles like Lightning Strikes The Postman and She Don't Use Jelly, demonstrated their ability to combine noise, melody and off-the-wall lyrics.

The Flaming Lips finished with a one-song encore of Louis Armstrong's What A Wonderful World. It began quietly, with Coyne croaking the beautiful lyrics, then turned into a garage classic. The perfect ending to a noisy. unconventional set.

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Dance Bites Swan, High Wycombe

t's three times lucky for Dance Bites, the Royal Ballet's annual . middle-scale regional tour that was initiated in 1994 as a forum for new choreography. The 1996 version, which opened in High Wycombe on Monday. makes the strongest case yet for experimental choreography within the Covent Garden institution, even though two of the four world premieres come courtesy of artists no longer with the Royal organisation.

Emma Diamond trained at the Royal Ballet School, although she made her name as a modern dancer with the Merce Cunningham Company in New York. Signed in Red is her first full commission (she normally nakes work for her own company Diamond Dance) and it reflects her ambiguous relationship with the Royal Ballet and the obsessional classicism that it represents.

Four couples, dressed by the artist Allen Jones in bold red and yellow, seem magnetised by each other, held together by the rigid physical precepts of ballet, the women fluttering on pointe like little licks of fire. Similarly, as their limbs seek out contradictory avenues of movement -- a sharp elbow throws the classically rounded shape askew — they are drawn back into the harmony of more conventional lines.

Cunningham's influence is there in the weighted muscularity of Diamond's choreography, which builds effectively on the repetition of image and movement phrase. And, unusually for a young choreographer, Diamond runs out of music (Wojciech Kilar's Orawa for strings) before Signed in

Red runs out of creative steam. Like Diamond, Christopher Wheeldon also sought new directions in New York. He left Covent Garden in 1993 to join New York City Ballet; the Balanchine stamp is clearly felt in his new Souvenir. Set to Tchaikovsky's string

there is a certain cautious

optimism in the homely Bel-

fast air; but with it comes an

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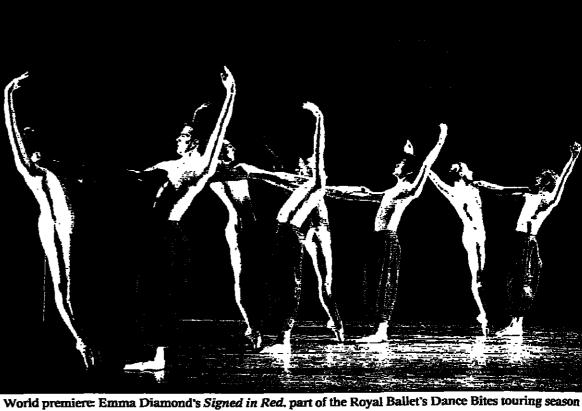
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sextet Souvenir de Florence and placing its four couples in a chandeliered ballroom, Wheeldon's work offers neoclassicism with a high sugar content. The choreography is romantic in style - couples bow to each other - and it flows prettily, although Wheeldon has the good sense to throw in the odd clever lift to undermine our expecta-

Tom Sapsford's six-minute Odalisque (inspired by the Ingres painting no doubt) feels like a filler. Gillian Revie's solo is almost incidental in the

face of Fabienne Audéoud's vocal performance on stage with her. Ashley Page is the veteran on the bill (his first work for the Royal was in

1984) and the one in strongest com-

mand of a wide range of creative impulses. His ... now languorous. now wild recently unveiled at Covent Garden, gives Viviana Durante and Irek Mukhamedov plenty of opportunity to charm the Dance Bites audience, while his new Sleeping With Audrey will set them wondering.

This piece finds him fascinated by the narrative potential of Stephen Chambers's paintings (Sleeping With Audrey is the title of one of his works). Page paints a canvas of characters busily acting out their intrigues in situational anecdotes, although the specifics are left up to each viewer to imagine. Like Orlando Gough's collaborative score. Page's choreography is filled with unease and suspicion. His

dancers partner each other with antagonistic reluctance, the exact opposite of classical ballet's supportive cooperation. You get the feeling that they would all stick a dagger in each others' hearts, given the chance.

As elsewhere on the programme, Sleeping With Audrey gives the less experienced dancers, such as Chloe Davies and Yohei Sasaki, a chance to taste the spotlight. Musically, the performance is top-notch, thanks to the string ensemble from the Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, conducted by Andrea Quinn. Dance Bites moves to Sheffield tomorrow and Blackpool on Monday. Catch it if you can.

THE first play by Bryan James Ryder is an odd mix-Provisional welcome to ture of the dated and the timely. It was written more than a year ago, and is set in a house somewhere off the Falls the poor man's O'Casey Road at the time that the IRA was about to call the ceasefire events. But they do also expose THEATRE which has now foundered so Ryder has a lot of fun at the spectacularly. This means expense of his self-contradic-

the play's weaknesses, which are to italicise character, labour argument and, in the process, become a bit clunky. But one expects such faults

from an apprentice writer. Given time and experience, Ryder may well inch up the slopes of the Irish man-mountain who I suspect to be his model. Sean O'Casey used great political events — the Easter Rising, the civil war to confront his audiences with the working-class Catholics who were actually doing the surviving and coping with the suffering. Ryder's story of the bright young drop-out who. unknown to his parents and sister, becomes an IRA The Soldier's Song Theatre Royal,

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hitman, has a similar antiheroic slant and, in some cases, similar characters. Colin Tarrant's Da Mc-Manus might be Jack Doyle of Juno and the Paycock transposed to the 1990s. He is a drone, bigot and armchair patriot, given to lecturing his son about fecklessness while hunkering down with the beer

he had bought with his dole.

tions and, again like O'Casey. a lot of respect for the women in his life. Anne Carroll gives a particularly strong performance as Ma McManus. doughtily if repetitively voicing the human decencies in between cooking, going out to work as a cleaner, and putting up with her oppressive and

sometimes violent husband. Billy Carter brings skill and not a little charisma to the role of Eamon, their IRA son, but cannot overcome the suspicion that the character is not fully felt-out. His description of his transformation from pacific bookworm into embryonic killer when British soldiers

("Standing there I swear something in me died") is second-hand stuff. His quakes as he is sent out on a last mission before the ceasefire do not exactly pulsate with first-hand life either. And how can one care about the fate of someone whose skin is partly made of papier maché?

Maybe the character who best confirms Ryder's promise as a dramatist is the prying, cadging, fake-friendly neighbour played by Mary Mac-Leod. She relishes the Provos fire-bombings, because they mean sales of spoilt goods at giveaway prices; but she also harbours a deep bitterness against them, because one of their vigilante beatings left her son dead. She might have stepped directly out of Juno or The Plough and the Stars. That's to say, she seems real.

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Aldeburgh, they have the German composer Hans Werner Henze in residence in June

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A premiere from John Tavener graces the Greenwich and Docklands event in London



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...and Sally Burgess joins the new jazz bonanza at the impressive Harrogate Festival in July and August

Kate Bassett's guide to the best in singing, dancing, acting, telling jokes and playing music throughout the land

The festivals of summer '96 – and more

MARCH

Birmingham: More Towards the Millennium. Each spring, until the year 2000, Birmingham has celebrated a decade of the 20th century. This year it is the turn of the Fifties. Sir Simon Rattle conducts Bernstein alongside a rock'n'roll weekend; Birmingham Rep stages Osborne's The Entertainer. Also films and architectural trails. Until April 28 (0121-236 2992)

Burn Festival, London: The tenth festival of lesbian and gay film on the South Bank. Until April 4 (0171-9281328)

London Handel Festival: Make merry with George Frederick Handel and his contemporaries, mainly in St George's, Hanover Square, Mar 26-Apr 30 (0181-336 0990)

Visual Arts in the North: Under the banner of Visual Arts UK (part of the Arts Council's millennium project). the counties of northern England present a broad sweep of exhibitions and some festivals. These include Stockton's International Riverside Festival emphasising visual theatre (Aug 1-4.01642 611625) and the Newcastle International Festival of Theatre at the Playhouse (Sept 30-Oct 31, 0191 230 5151) which merges with this year's International Workshop Festival (Sept 28-Oct 6, 0191 2614780) with classes led by international figures concentrating on site-specific work. V.A.J.N. to Nov 17 (0191 2211996)

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Shichester Theatre: A strong meup for the starry season at the Festival Theatre. Big names: Alan Bates, Derek Jacobi, Dawn French. The plays include a British premiere of Turgenev's Fortune's Fool, and Mansfield Park, staged by Michael Rudman. In the Minerva: premieres from Simon Gray, Ronald Harwood and Alan Ayck-bourn. Maggie Smith in Talking Heads, directed by Alan Bennett; Harriet Walter in Hedda Gabler: Frances Barber in L'ncle Vanya. April 25-Oct 19 (01243 781312)

It's Queer Up North: A celebration of gay culture, based in Manchester. Apr 26-May 19 (0161 236 4723)

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Aria, Essex: A month of opera round the county. Other Essex fests include Cressing with opera and drama in the ancient barn-temple (July 18-28, 01376 584903) and Thaxted with concerts in the spired church (June 21-July 14, 01371 Aria: May 25-June 15 (01245

Bath: Music, mostly classical, in beautiful Bath. This year's theme is Migrations. Harmonies from gospel to gypsy with Roger Vignoles in residence. Jazz is refocused into the Bank Holiday weekend. Walks. talks, modern art in public places. May 17-June 2 (01225 462231)

Beverley: The medieval town with the Gothic Minster embraces early music. The Tallis Scholars, London Baroque et May 9-12 (01482 883898)

Birmingham Readers and Writers: Literary events in-

volving the likes of Spike Milligan, and storytelling on a canal boat May 10-18 (0121-235 4244)

BOC Covent Garden: An expanding festival of opera and musical theatre in intriguing venues. Judith Howarth and Elizabeth Vidal vie in The Impresario at the Freemasons' Hall. The Ambassadors Theatre offers the off-Broadway hit Dames at Sea. May 27-June 8 (0181-544 0808)

Bournemouth: International mirth in May with baroque music, rock and jazz bashes, dance (Adventures in Motion Pictures) and drama (The Wrestling School). The theme - "From the Sublime to the Ridiculous" - includes Prunella Scales and Timothy West singing with the Bourne-mouth Sinfonietta. May 11-26 (01202 297327)

Brighton: A big mixed-arts celebration by the sea. The focus, alongside centenary cinema, is on Russia. The Royal Pavilion hosts recitals. Glyndebourne offers Alfred Brendel in the afternoon. Plenty of literary readings to plug May 4-26 (01273 713842)

display of pyrotechnics.

Cardiff Bay Jazz: Jazz round the bay, with free gigs in pubs and concerts in the tiny Nor-

Chelmsford Cathedral: Conmarquee and star lectures on

English Haydn, Bridgnorth: Haydn hits Shropshire. Concerts in St Leonard's Church in the quaint market town where Cromwell blew up the castle. Victoria de los Angeles

Clydebank celebration of the arts. Drama: The Citizen's revives the sell-out Swing Hammer Swing, from Jeff Torrington's Whitbread-winning novel about the Gorbals. Concerts: a hundred electric guitars in one fell swoop and a Craig Armstrong premiere. Movies: Braveheart, drive-in

May 2-25 (0141-552 8000)

tions of Handel's Theodora (directed by Peter Sellars) and ham Vick). Revivals of Ermione, Yevgeny Onyegin, Arabella and Trevor Nunn's



Prunella Scales: bound to sing in Bournemouth

Cosi. Don't forget the picnic. Tickets from £10 to £110. May 17-Aug 25 (01273813813)

Royal Park and a premiere from composer John Tavener. The Waterfront Cities project imports artists from Chicago.

notable festival of southern Indian culture. On the South Bank, films, music and poster artists painting giant hoardings. Art at the British Museum. At Riverside, stylised and spectacular theatre and dance. May 23-June (0171-354 4141)

Leeds Music: A festival of talent with lots of jazz. May 3-12 (0113 2432491)

Malvern: Elgar is feted amid gar's Five Improvisations from 1929. May 27-June 9 (01684 572725)

Newbury: An all-rounder. Russian dancers. Stan Tracey's jazz interpretation of Under Milk Wood, open artists' studios.

Bury St Edmunds: Now held

certs take over the cathedral. Soloists include Julian Lloyd Webber. Jazz concerts in the the fringe.

Glyndebourne: New produc-Berg's Lulu (directed by Gra-



Greenwich and Docklands International, London: A classy all-arts festival, now spanning the Thames. There is a new concert stage in the May 24-June 2 (0181-305 1818)

Hay: Bookworms go haywire. A mighty literary bash in the Black Mountains market

May 24-June 2 (01497 821217)

India's South, London: A

his beloved Malvern Hills. Pianist David Owen Norris offers a UK premiere of El-

May 4-18 (01635 32421)

Salisbury: A fine arts fest comic Albert Herring (direct-

in the spring, this festival unrolls in the cathedral, the Georgian Theatre Royal and around the medieval market town. Orchestras, gospel choirs, comedy, film, a children's day, Jools Holland, a May 9-25 (01284 757099)

wegian church. May 25-27 (01222 340591)

May 15-25 (01245359890)

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orary dance in London, at The Place and the South Bank. May-June (0171-387 0031) AME

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Nyman premiere inspired by

football's Euro 96. Street acts,

Aldeburgh: This renowned festival has German composer Hans Werner Henze in residence and a world premiere from Finnish wunderkind Magnus Lindberg. World-class musicians bring you Beethoven, Britten et al. June 7-23 (01728 452935)

Barclays New Stages, London and Birmingham: The Royal Court Theatre is taken over by adventurous alternative performances: Ken Campbell, CandoCo, "Ste-phen Daldry's Body Show". The mind boggles. In Birmingham, Motionhouse and Stan's Café. June 10-July 6 (0171-730 1745)

Bradford: Multi-ethnic jam-boree. Mela, the Asian fair of arts and food, is free fun. There is also BAF (01274 820666). Bradford's festival of animated film. June 28-July 13 (01274 309199)

Chelsea, London: Fashion displays, tea dances, classical concerts, jazz in Sloane Square, a literary salon featuring the work of famous locals. June 2-8 (0171-824 8219)

Chichester Festivities: The Georgian city's arts bonanza offers pianists Peter Frankl and Tamas Vasary in tandem, sculpture in the cathedral precincts, celebrity lectures. concerts in Goodwood House, stand-up and sea shanties. June 30-July 16 (01243 785718)

City of London: A flowering of the arts in the square mile: music, dance and poetry in striking spots. In the Guildhall, Smetana's Ma Vlast with period instruments and Roger Norrington. Teatr Biuro Podrozy, award-winning Poles on stilts, torch their set in Paternoster Square. June 25-July 14 (0171-377 0540)

Garsington: Operas al fresco at the Jacobean manor. Productions of Mozart's Idomeneo. Garsington's first opera seria (staged by David Fielding, with Jon Garrison and Jean Rigby); Rossini's Il Turco in Italia (directed by Stefano Vizioli): and Britten's

combining the popular and ed by Stephen Unwin). You can picnic in the gardens, or dinner is served in the Great Barn, Tickets £70-£90. June 20-July 14 (01865 361636)

performing poets, site-specific Gwyl Gregynog: Classical music in a mock-Tudor man-May 25-June 8 (01722 323883) Sheffield: Chamber music. June 21-30 (01686 625007) especially Beethoven and his

contemporaries, at the Cruci-Ludlow: This year's al fresco hope, appropriate weather). Plenty of classical and pop Turning World: A concentraconcerts, dance, drama, literary events, and walks around the lovely Shropshire town. June 22-July 7 (01584 872150)

> Lufthansa Baroque Music, London: 17th and 18th-century music in Wren's St James's Church on Piccadilly. Renowned artists, period instruments, and Lampe's lampoon opera, The Dragon of Wantley. May 30-June 28 (0171-228

Out of Lift: The biennial London International Festival of Theatre is in its interim year. A short season focuses on young people's theatre. June 14-23 (0171-490 3964)

Peterborough Cathedral: Concerts in the Norman edifice. Jazz in the cloisters. Elsewhere, heaps of Hispanic June 21-July 2 (01733 343342)

Pride, London: The capital's celebration of gay and lesbian creativity across the spectrum. June 1-July 6 (0171-924 0325)



Orkney debut for new work

St Magnus: Delights on the Orkney islands. Sir Peter Maxwell Davies conducts his new symphony. The resident poet is Iain Crichton Smith. Folk, jazz and a friendly festival club. June 21-26 (01856 872669)

Spitalfields, London: Christ Church, acoustically terrific and stunningly designed by Hawksmoor, hosts classical and contemporary concerts in the East End. The festival celebrates its twentieth birthday with Bach. Gibbons and Huguenot composers. June 5-26 (0171-377 0287)

Stour: Baroque and Renaissance music in the Pilgrim Church at Broughton Aluph, Kent. Evelyn Tubb and others. June 21-30 (01233 812740)

Jimmy McRae pipes a golden anniversary tune for this August's Edinburgh Festival, the world's greatest annual celebration of the arts

Warwick and Leamington: Fireworks, concerts and stagings of Richard III and Henry V at Warwick Castle. Choirs and orchestras in antique buildings. Intriguingly Shakespeare in the Castle is twinned with the South Bohe-King Lear (without, let us mia Music Festival. June 29-July 13 (01926 410747)

> York Mystery Plays: Every four years the medieval Corpus Christi plays live again. Sadly, no stages-on-wagons to be seen squeezing through the Shambles, but a hundred locals perform the cycle (adapted by Liz Lochhead) at the Theatre Royal, directed by John Doyle Solicitor Rory Mulvihill is the first amateur Messiah since 1969, while, somewhat controversially, God is a woman - shopkeeper Ruth Ford. June 4-30 (01904 658 162)

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Ascot Jazz: A first. Hampers. champers and big concerts at the racecourse: Jools Holland, Alan Price, Courtney Pine. July 11-13 (01344 876456)

BBC Henry Wood Promenade Concerts: The humungously famous Proms will, of course, be packing them in at the Albert Hall. Nicholas Kenyon is the new director. Semi-staged operas and a close look at concertos. Bruckner and Spanish themes. The Proms Guide is published in May. July 19-Sept 16 (0191 222 0381)

Birmingham Jazz: The city gets hopping to jazz, 90 per cent of it for free. July 5-14 (0121-454 7020)

Buzton: This Peak District spa town boasts a Frank Matcham opera house. This year, the music of 18th-century London: Handel's Amadigi and Gay's The Beggar's Opera. Also quartets, Festival Mass, young artists and cabaret. July 12-28 (01298 70395)

Cambridge: The much-loved Folk Festival (July 26-28). The commendable Film Festival Uuly 11-28). Also pop in the parks, fine summer recitals, new writing and contempo-

July-Aug (01223 463363)

rary music.

Cheltenham Music An admired international festival of music, old and new, in the Regency town. Director Michael Berkeley turns his attention to Russia. Also a new opera from John Woolrich. Fringe jazz and film to boot. July 6-21 (01242 521621)

ies in Grosvenor Park. You and James Galway. July 9-14 (01978 860236) can toddle between lunchtime concerts and talks. Lesley Womad: World music, arts Garrett, Thomas Allen and and crafts and food on the

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Arundel: In the castle grounds, the open-air Shake-speare is Hamlet (Oxford

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struments). Concerts in the

cathedral. Jazz, folk, plays and

talks in the castle marquee.

Artists reveal their studios.

Aug 23-Sept 1 (01903 883690)

Brecon Jazz: Go wild in a

Weish market town and see

Edinburgh International:

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the universe hits its half-

century. The vast Fringe festival (Aug 11-31, 0131-2265257)

is awash with theatre and

stand-up, joined by the jazz

and blues fest (Aug 4-12, 0131-

5571642). Meanwhile the pres-

Aug 9-11 (01874 625557)

the Beacons.

July 5-14 (01904 658338)

over coffee.

July 19-21 (01225 743188)

Dartington Summer School: Internationally renowned music-making, for pros and amateurs, on the peaceful estate of Dartington Hall. Masterclasses and workshops with organist David Titterington and many more. Courses on everything from John Cage's Europeras to West African drumming. For audiences, concerts and classes are open-door.

July 12-27 (01244 320700)

July 6-Aug 24 (01803 865988) Deal: Chamber music in coastal Kent with Jill Gomez, the Britten Sinfonia etc. July 27-Aug 10 (01304 369576)

Exeter: Candlelit concerts and jazz in the cathedral and Powderham Castle. This year is strong on music from Italy. Manchester Camarata play The Four Seasons during a dramatisation of Vivaldi's life. Watch out for the Natural Theatre Company behaving oddly round town.

Fishguard: Choirs and classical musicians, with a Welsh slant, fall into your lap in Fishguard and St David's Cathedral a few miles away. For ramblers, the coastal path is hard-by. July 20-27 (01348 873612)

July 4-21 (01392 265200)

Harrogate: The impressive all-round arts fest in Harrogate boasts international orchestras. Sally Burgess and Julian Joseph join the new jazz bonanza. Also dance, street performers and Laffs at the

July 26-Aug 10 (01423 562303)

Henley: Fine evenings on the banks of the Thames in the wake of the regatta. Wayne and Melanie Marshall bring Gershwin to the floating stage, dinner is served, George Melly is in the marquee. July 10-13 (01491 411353)

King's Lynn: Merriment takes hold of East Anglia's old port: theatre, dance, film, concerts. comedy. Favourite events include the Literary Lunch and Festival Fireworks. July 20-Aug 3 (01553 773578)

Lichfield: This international arts festival celebrates its fifteenth birthday with arts of all sorts and pyrotechnics by the cathedral. Benjamin Britten, who died 20 years ago, is remembered. July 5-14 (01543 257298)

Llangollen Eisteddfod: Famous feast of song and dance in north Wales, lasting a very full six days. Choirs from around the world are in competition. Chester: Summer music in the Folk dancers abound in natwalled city. Open-air concerts ional costume. Guest artists include Music from the Mov- are the calibre of Bryn Terfel

tigious International Festival presents outstanding concerts. drama, dance and opera. International Festival Aug 11-31 (0131-226 4001)

Edinburgh Film: Coinciding with the international arts fest, the Drambuie Edinburgh Film Festival brings its show-case of British and innovative world movies, the best-ever documentaries, and films which changed the world. Aug 11-25 (0131-228 4051)

Lake District Summer Music: A summer school and concert season around Lake Windermere. Open to the public are morning recitals, masterclasses and nightly

Aug 3-11 (01539 733411) Notting Hill: London's megacarnival celebrating black culture. Spectacular costumes. Unbelievable crowds. Aug 25-26 (0181-964 0544)

Worcester, Three Choirs: Europe's oldest mobile choral festival circles back to Worcester and concentrates on Elgar. Also Berlioz's newly discovered Messe Solennelle and contemporary works. Aug 17-24 (01905 616211)

SEPTEMBER

Jersey: Shifting to the autumn, Jersey's second international arts fest ranges from opera to avant-garde theatre, besides classical and world Sept 21-Oct 6 (01534 68080)

North Wales, St Asaph: Music from the Halle Orchestra and others celebrating the twenty-fifth festival in this tiny, acoustically splendid cathedral. Sept 14-21 (01745 584508)

Windsor: Evelyn Glennie and other virtuosi at Windsor Cas-Sept 22-Oct 5 (01753 623400)

OCTOBER:

Canterbury: A clutch of Ca-thedral concerts, dance, drama and opera. In the festival club, jazz, folk and comedy. About town, walks, talks, movies and masterclasses. Oct 12-26 (01227 452853)

Cheltenham Literature: A mighty fest of top writers, with a particular focus on women Oct 11-20 (01242 521621)

Dance Umbrella, London: Contemporary international dancers congregate in London at The Place and elsewhere. Oct 7-Nov 2 (0181-741 4040)

Norfolk and Norwich: The 900-year-old cathedral and other vintage buildings welcome orchestras, ensembles and fine soloists. On the wackier end, two platform concerts of train-inspired music at Liverpool Street and Norwich Station. Oct 10-20 (01603 764764)

Now 96: Nottingham showcases experimental perform-Oct 19-Nov 19 (0115 948 3500)

Visionfest, Liverpool: Metseyside's focus on innovative visual art and design: pavement sculptures, installations, video, architecture. Throughout Oct (0151 708

VISIONS 96: International animated theatre: puppetry, film, interactive exhibitions. Based at the University of Brighton but touring beyond. Oct 23-Nov 3 (01273 643024)

● A guide to European festivals will appear next Wednesday

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in British commercial property

vidence of growing activity in European cross-border property investment explains why the British property market was strongly represented at the seventh annual Mipim international property market, which took place last week in Cannes.

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The scale of European activity is shown in a recent report by DTZ Debenham Thorpe. Overseas Investment in UK Commercial Property 1995. This indicates that direct foreign investment in UK commercial property amounted to £1.78 billion last year - and there is no indication that interest is declining.

This view is confirmed in Knight Frank's European Property Market Review --Spring 1996, German, Middle and Far Eastern investors have been especially active. taking advantage of strong capital values, purchasing power and a leasing system which is, by international standards, weighted in favour of landlords.

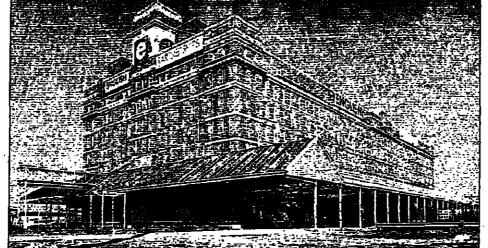
Identification of this trend enabled Mipim to attract property professionals, from

developers, agents and architects to development corporations and lawyers. More than 7,000 people from 55 countries attended, slightly up on last year. The UK had the highest number of companies - 134 exhibiting their expertise.

But it was not only Europeans who attended the market. There was a growing Australasian presence; for example, Chris Marks of Jones Lang Wootton Melbourne and the Victoria Government Office were there to promote Melbourne Docks.

The Bahamas, Bahrain, Cuba, Cyprus, India, Macao, the Republic of Estonia and the Republic of Latvia were exhibiting for the first time. The significance of real-

estate management was ac-knowledged at Mipim through a conference, organised by the chartered accountants Ernst & Young, on the increasing importance of property in business. Traditionally, property has not been an issue of the highest impor-tance for companies, and research by Ernst & Young confirms this, suggesting that for about 40 per cent of



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organisations in Britain, France and Spain it is not a

The importance of the workplace environment, too, came into focus from the architectural consultant DEGW. which has long acknowledged that design and workplace costs can have a direct impact on productivity. The company used Mipim to launch its international arm.

The presence of a large German contingent, including Billinger and Berger Projektentwicklung, did not go unnoticed by the British. Research

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from DTZ Debenham Thorpe shows that the Germans dominated the flow of money into the commercial property market last year, with an investment of about £370 million, one fifth of all overseas purchases. British representation in-

cluded the Black Country Development Corporation, which was confident of the value of Mipim as an environment in which to attract investors, and was poised to secure a number of major investments.

Also at the market was the Isle of Wight Regeneration to attract more cross-border investment, similar to the previous deals concluded with Siemens, Samsung and Ford, which is moving a large part of its new investment in the Midlands to the massive Fort Dunlop site in Birmingham. English Partnerships also used Mipim to launch the England plc directory, a comprehensive reference document on diverse English regions, targeted at the inter-

aimed to highlight the success

of its partnership with the

regional bodies and investors.

The objective of its stand was

national investment market. This was the first of a series of initiatives between English Partnerships and the regional agencies, and it could bring closer the creation of an English Development Agency. Such an agency was proposed by the former President of the Board of Trade, Michael Heseltine, in 1993, but it was ejected as too interventionist. Mipim's Man of the Year award went to Sir Norman Foster, chairman and founder of Sir Norman Foster and Partners (UK). Xavier Roy, chief executive of the Reed Midem organisation, said that Sir Norman had played a crucial role during the past 30 years in helping to redefine architectural values and in

introducing new technology into his field.

MARKET MOVES

Sales on the net

FIVE of the UK's leading firms of chartered surveyors are supporting a site on the Internet for the property industry, which will go live on March 30.

It is to be run by PropertyLink Commercial, which has been created by the mediatech supplier LRG Netmedia with the support of Chesterton, DTZ Debenham Thorpe, Hillier Parker, Jones Lang Wootton and Richard Ellis.

The site is open to any property owner or agent wishing to market a commercial property, at a basic cost of £100 a property. The scheme will be launched with a minimum of 1,000 commercial properties.

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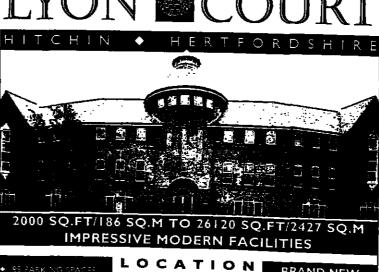
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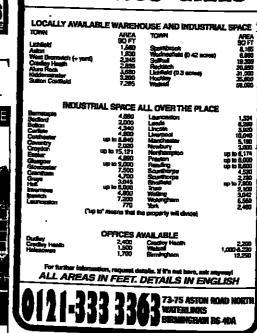
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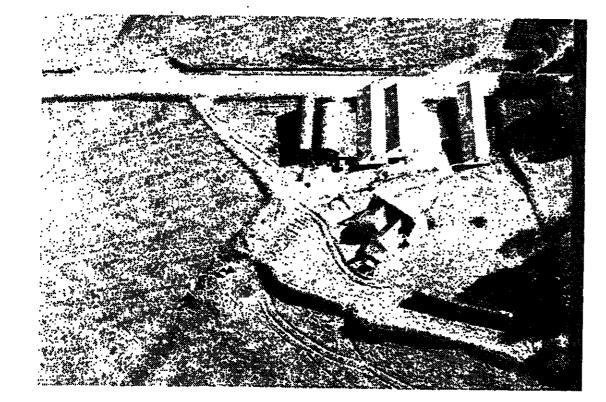
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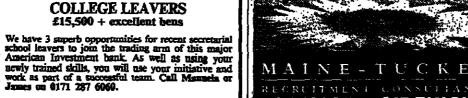
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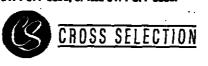
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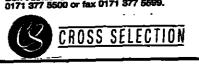
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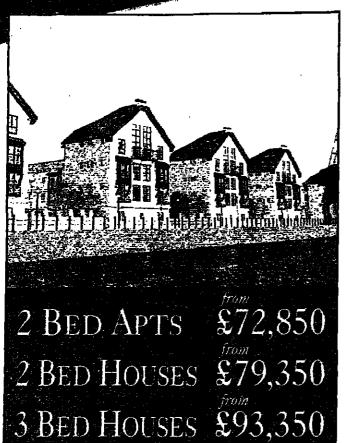
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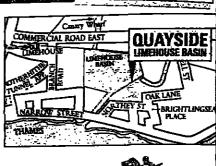
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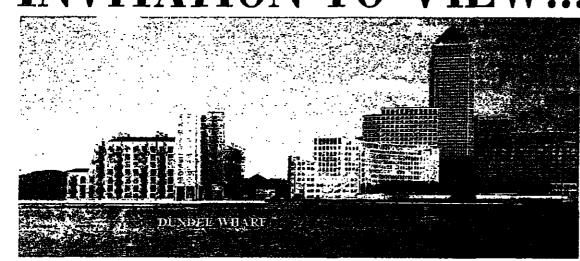
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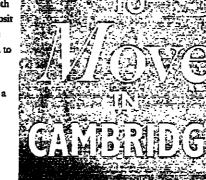
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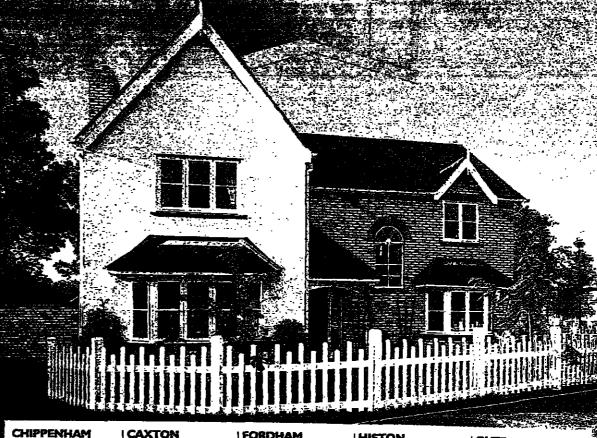
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the British property market, but the French market is still firmly in recession. Houses are not selling, buyers are not buying, and prices The woe began in 1990. First the

stories in the British press of dreams realised in the Dordogne and Provence began to dry up. Then the British exodus to France turned from a flood to a trickle. Finally, sales slowed and prices began to fall.

They are now, on average, 25 per cent lower than their 1990 peak. Tales of price drops between 30 to 40 per cent are common currency among expatriates and many are ruing the day they signed the acte de vente.

"France is still in the teeth of a recession," says Frank Rutherford, of Rutherfords, a Fulham agent which sells property in France. The French market is roughly 18 months behind that of Britain.

Mr Rutherford estimates that there are now about 2000 new British buyers in France a year. compared with 18,000 at the height of the boom in the late 1980s. The number of British estate agents specialising in French property has declined from about 300 at the height of the boom to 20.

Yet record numbers are crossing the Channel. Eurostar has increased the number of trains to Paris to 13 a day since January. Half a million people a year travel by air and by train to France every month, compared with a third of a million a year ago. Many more go by ferry — nearly 18 million went over last year.

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Why prices are still dropping in France

Rachel Kelly says that although the market is in recession, there are bargains about

So, with the increased traffic and better transport why are there not more buyers? "The problem is that Britons want to buy on the western side of France - in Normandy, Charente, the Dordogne, Brittany and the Loire," Mr Rutherford says. "And the southwest of France is a long drive from Calais, where Eurostar crosses the Channel. It is easier for them to go by ferry. Eurostar has not had as much of an effect as the pundits had predicted. It really has only helped the market in the Pas de Calais.

Nor have improved transport links been enough to counter the impact of a strong French franc -£I is now worth Fr7.7. Of course this means that prices are more expensive for a British purse, but agents stress that this has often been more than offset by price falls. Bargains, they say, abound.

There is a two-tier market going on," Mr Rutherford says. "Good properties do find buyers. People who need to sell are discounting very heavily."

Knight Frank reports dramatic price cuts in the South of France. Patrick Dring, from the agents' international department, says: There is a growing trend for sellers to drop their prices to face the reality of a 'franc fort' head-on.
"Frustrated buyers will be able to see houses at affordable, or even bargain, prices. The reductions will more than compensate for the

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back into life. Even if the franc devalues, it will be some time before the market readjusts." For those who still want to buy. agents do have bargains to whet

Francophile appetites. Le Moulin de Ribelon, an 18thcentury olive mill in the medieval village of Bargemon, an hour from Nice and close to the Alpes-Maritimes, has been reduced by 30 per cent since it went on sale in 1992. It is now on sale for £366,000

Cannes-Mougins golf course. There are three reception rooms, a master bedroom suite, four further bedrooms, and a staff flat. There is a three-bedroom guest cottage, swimming pool and barbecue area. It is for sale for £1.1 million, a 30 per

cent drop in price. Chalets throughout the French Alps have seen similar falls. Le Chalet Brames is an enormous chalet a kilometre outside Méribel. the Alpine playground of the rich

and famous. The chalet, which is owned by the British businessman Peter Scott, has eight bedrooms and seven bathrooms. The vast main reception area has full-length picture windows which look south over one of Méribel's best-known landmarks, the 2,600-metre Mont Vallon, providing breathtaking views from dawn until dusk. It is for sale for £2.2 million, a cut from £2.6 million in May last year.

There is much to appeal to British tastes in the resort with its huge skiing domain in the so-called "Trois Vallées" of Méribel, Courchevel and Val Thorens. Chelsea-in-the-Alps, as it is known, was founded by the British before the Second World War.

"The French victories in the Winter Olympics of 1936 stimulated a vogue for skiing in France which focused attention on the possibility of developing new ski resorts," says Sir Edward Tomkins. an early investor. Other owners have included the racing driver Alain Prost, who built himself a house in the resort recently, and the late President of France, Francois Mitterrand. The pop star Peter

Gabriel spent five weeks in the resort last season.

Chalet owners should beware of high central heating bills. That at Chalet Brames is about £200 a month. The usual form is for owners to let their chalets out during the skiing season, either in a low-key way through classified advertisements in the ski magazines, or by letting the chalet to a tour operator. The key names in Méribel are Simply Ski and Meri

Be it a southern mill or an Alpine chalet, buyers should more than beware, agents say. Mr Rutherford says that those who have really suffered in the recession are the dreamers. About a third of those selling are British people whose sales are linked to money problems or business failures. Sometimes it is the château that gives them away. More often it is the vineyard. Sometimes they do not speak a word of French.

"Some have spent too much buying and renovating their period stone farmhouse in the Lot or the Dordogne and could not afford the mortgage payments." Mr Ruther-ford says. "Or perhaps the business sideline they counted on — bed and breakfast for passing Brits, for example — has proved a mirage."

Either way, many have come unstuck. A new generation of buyers has been warned.

● The French Property Show, from March 22-24, is at Horticultural Hall One at Vincent Square. Westminster (£3 per person, £5 per couple, children free). Forty agents and developers from France are showing their wares. Times: Friday Ham-6pm. Saturday 10.30am-6pm: Sunday Ham-5pm.

Buyers turn to spying

ore and more house-hunters are consulting private investigators be-fore they make their move. Why? Because buyers are terrified of inheriting nightmare neighbours.

Peter Heims, of the Association of British Investigators, who has been a private investigator since 1953, says: "This is not a new phenomenon. But I've definitely had a rise in inquiries of this type recently. Over the past 12 months alone I've had about six requests for surveillance, which might not sound much, but with more than 10,000 private investigators in Britain, that does mount up."

Keith Richards is legal adviser for the Consumers' Association. With increasing media coverage of problems caused by noisy neighbours, there is little surprise that there has been a corresponding increase in buyers wanting to find out what they're going to be letting themselves in for before they move," he says.

Buyers are right to be concerned about new neighbours. Mr Heims says: "In the majority of cases nothing is uncovered. But about 5 per cent of investigations reveal real problems which make the

client reconsider the property."

Civil rights and consumer groups have condemned the snooping. But Mr Heims says: "It is commonsense to check out your neighbours. Why shouldn't buyers have the right to check who they're going to be living next door to?

Mr Richards says: "The law isn't tough enough on noisy neighbours and there are inadequate laws to protect people from nuisance neighbours. If the law was tougher, people wouldn't be forced to do this in the first place."

Investigators check records such as electoral rolls to find former inhabitants. They are usually better sources than existing neighbours. Other sources include criminal records, career histories, financial details, interviews with the milkman, postman and paper-boy. This trawl will add about £200 to the cost of house purchase, although some buyers are prepared to pay up to £1,000 for noise monitoring and surveillance. But Mr Richards says: "Buyers and sellers worried about problem neighbours should contact their solicitors for advice."

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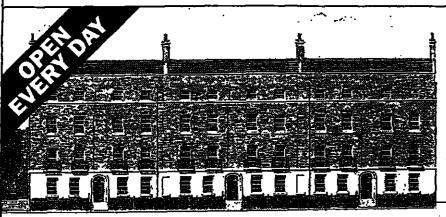
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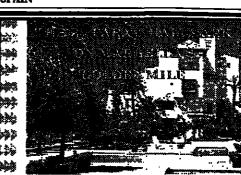


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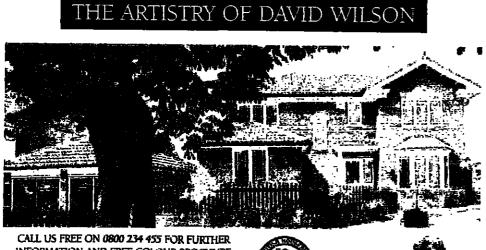
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Graveney to challenge Illingworth's **supremacy**

DAVID GRAVENEY, the general secretary of the Cricketers' Association and, as such, a man in close touch with the modern game and its players, emerged yesterday as the main challenger to Raymond Illingworth for his position as chairman of the England selectors.

There is still considerable support for Illingworth from counties who agree with Dennis Silk. the chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board, that his removal would compromise the investigation being carried out by David Acfield, the cricket committee chairman, into the way the England team is run. Others, however, feel that it is time for change in the aftermath of England's depressing winter and Warwickshire, the county champions, are believed to have nominated Graveney, who was a member of Illingworth's selection committee last year.

The most common criticism of lllingworth, who has again been nominated by Yorkshire and at least one other county, is that, at 63, he is not in tune with today's players. The same cannot be said of Graveney, 43, who was still playing until 1994, when he took up his job with the player's union.

A member of a famous cricketing family — his father, Ken, captained Gloucestershire while his uncle, Tom, was one of England's finest batsmen - he was a left-arm spinner with Gloucestershire and Somerset before leading Durham into the county championship. His union commitments could lead to a conflict of interests, although Warwickshire sees close links with the players as a distinct advantage.

With nominations closing today, the names of the candidates to be revealed tomorrow and the postal ballot taking place before the end of the month, nobody has mentioned lan Botham — not officially — so it looks like a straight fight between Illingworth and Graveney, unless John Barclay, England's winter tour manager, emerges as a compromise contender.

Whatever happens, it seems cerzain that the next chairman will not he asked to take on the job of team manager, which Illingworth has done since he become England's first "supremo" last year. This position will be considered by the TCCB's executive committee next Tuesday, but any appointment would obviously be dependent on who is elected chairman.

If Illingworth wins the vote, it

could be the new Northamptonshire manager, John Emburey, who made a successful start as England A team manager in Pakistan during the winter, or David Lloyd, of Lancashire, who has been looking after the youth side. If Graveney succeeds, Phil Neale, of Warwickshire, who has also done well with the A team. would be in contention.

As England agonised over their problems, the rest of the cricket world was looking to new horizons after Sri Lanka's triumph in the World Cup. The Interntional Cricket Council (ICC), meeting in Lahore, confirmed that England will host the next tournament in 1999, but went back on its decision to give South Africa the 2003 competition because the West Indies are consid-

ering a rival application.

No details have been revealed, but Sir Clyde Walcott, the chairman of the ICC and a former president of the West Indies board. has long had a vision of a World Cup spreading out from the traditional cricket-playing islands of the Caribbean to the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada and the United

Goodness knows what the Americans would make of it, particularly since the ICC decided yesterday that host nations should continue to be responsible for the organisation of the World Cup. There had been calls for the ICC to take complete control after some of the shambolic arrangements on the sub-continent recently.

As for Pilcom, the joint organising committee for Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka, they were clearly unabashed. These three countries have nominated Jagmohan Dalmiya, the committee's convenor, as the next ICC chairman and Inderjit Bindra, chairman of the Indian board. claimed that they had the support of at least 20 associate members. The old order is changing.



Mallalieu in the middle at the Rosslyn Park National Schools Sevens tournament yesterday

Mallalieu lays down the law

RUGBY union's brave new era takes another step forward this afternoon at the Rosslyn Park National Schools Sevens tournament, when a match will be controlled entirely by women officials for the first time.

While touch-judges Clare Saville and Siobhan Matthews, both from Teddington, will come under scrutiny, most eyes will focus on the woman in the middle. Sarah Mallalieu, 31, takes charge of quarter-finals in the junior and preparatory competitions.

A policewoman Mallalieu is used to dealing with situations even more highly-pressured than. schoolboy sevens matches and characters more threatening than bigoted players and spectators. "I don't get as much hassle as I thought I would," she said. "You sometimes feel that, being a woman, you have to perform that much better. Added to the fact that the referee is never right, there is potential for problems, but I think most of those who don't like what I do don't even bother talking to me."

Mallalieu, from Sutton, plays for Wimbledon RUFC Ladies and is now in her fifth season as a referee. She was encouraged to take up the whistle by her family of rugby

John Cassy meets the woman in charge of a ground-breaking trio fanatics. Her father played and refereed, her younger brother has

represented England at schoolboy level and her boyfriend coaches. Such a grounding has given her an amiable yet confident and forthright approach to her task,

Bryanston take one-sided final

IN A one-sided final, Bryanston beat Cheltenham College 26-14 to win the Festival Tournament at the Rosslyn Park national schools rugby union seven-a-side competition yesterday. Cheltenham, with Toki Adebayo, the brother of Adedayo Adebayo, the Bath wing. in their line-up, were never allowed enough possession to use their running skills. After falling 7behind, Ben Leigh, the Bryanston captain, scored twice to send his side into a lead that they never looked like losing.

although she admitted she has not always made the right decision: "One of the first matches I was in charge of was between two under-14 boys teams and a fight broke out. My immediate reaction was to grab the two scrapping by the scruffs of their necks, but I forgot to blow my whistle and the game continued. It was a bit of a disaster, but I quickly learnt from it."

Dave Turner, one of the London Society referees' training officers, who took her through her first exams, said Mallalieu had great empathy with the players. "She is particularly good with the younger ones, which is an art in itself, and I think they look up to her for what she does," he said. "It makes her a great advert for

women's refereeing. It's strange to think that, when I started refereeing 25 years ago, someone like her wouldn't even have been considered, yet she has the potential to go a long way."

So, does she have the ambition to take charge of a big cup final or perhaps even an international fixture? "I don't think so, I prefer just to go out and enjoy it," Mallalieu said, "but if someone offered me something really big, well, I'd be

Bruno beaten by fear well before Tyson's barrage

MIDWEEK VIEW

ANDREW

LONGMORE

Vegas said that he had never seen a boxer look as scared as Frank Bruno before his defeat by Mike Tyson last Sunday. Boxing writers confirmed the impression. They wrote of Bruno crossing himself 13 times before the first bell, of the elaborate knee-flexes that he performed during the preliminar-ies, of him gasping for breath in the pre-fight eyeballing. What a terri-ble few moments they must have been for Bruno, faced with the stark and certain understanding that the water was too deep.

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In boxing, courage is stripped down to the waist. There cannot be a boxer in the world, except possibly Tyson, who has not felt the pit of his stomach make a grab for his throat. The trick is to keep it well hidden. All the spangly gear, the tassels, the menacing hoods, the

gold embroidery. the flashy dressing-gowns, the shiny shorts neatly embossed, they are not just part of boxing's tawdry glamour. They are there for a reason, to boost self-esteem, to make a boxer feel taller, more more nonchalant, fiercer than he is. Make the opponent feel ordinary and they might perform ordin-

The elaborately choreographed entrances of Chris

Eubank and Naseem Hamed have a more profound origin than mere showmanship. Show yourself bigger, stronger, flashier, richer and better than your opponent before the bout and the little matter of your own fear becomes irrelevant. The other guy is too terrified to notice it. Fear - and courage, its neces-

sary companion - is an integral part of sport; not quite a definitive part, but close. The causes are different, but the feeling is much the same. In boxing, victory and defeat often rest on the unloosing of such elemental forces. I remember watching Dennis Andries, that great old warrior, box a young Australian in Adelaide for a world title. I was perched almost on the apron of the ring and could see the eye contact between the boxers.

The dressing-room attendant at the MGM Arena in Las was in his depth. By a strange and inexplicable trick, his fear was transferred into the eyes of the Australian. The boxing went on for a further five rounds, but the contest was over in that intimate acknowledgement of superiority.

Yet, even in the most brutal of sports, the source of the fear is not straightforward. It is not the fear of being hurt that is important, though there has to be an element of that, it is the fear of the unknown, the fear of not being in control.

Two weeks ago, I stood at the top of the hill at Chellenham and listened to Jamie Osborne, one of the most successful of National Hunt jockeys, describe a descent. It was here, I suggested, about a quarter of a mile from home, that caution was thrown to the wind. Up to a point, he said. There was a lot at stake, so the calculations of gain

v pain might be different from, say, a selling hurdle at Plumpton. but it was still a matter of balance, of calculation, of the jumping ability of your animal, for a start. No point in hurtling down the hill and ending in a crum-pled heap at the bottom, just for the sake of it. The fear was there; acknowledged, but controlled. wrapped up in the cosy warmth of

reason. Martin Bru-

ndle's sprint down the Melbourne pit lane and into the cockpit of his reserve Jordan car ten days ago seemed the ultimate act of lunacy, yet, in one sense, it was a deeply rational act. Having just emerged from a triple somersault and impossible debris, the chances of him having another accident on the same day had lessened dramatically. There was fear in every step of Brundle's trundle, a fear of not being able to take part.

What made Bruno fearful was not Tyson himself, but the sudden awful understanding that this was not the clapped-out champion whom he had been prepared to meet: this was the ogre of old. The calculations were messed up, the mind scrambled, control lost. The only fear then was that Bruno might get badly hurt.

□ Simon Barnes is on holiday

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent You should try to get into the habit of playing your suits in as flexible a manner as possible. Here's an example.

Game all

+ A 10 9 2 **♦QJ863** , N. **±**Q974 W- F **VA9852** +J654 + Q **1054** ÷652

Contract: Six Clubs by South Lead: four of diamonds

♥KJ10

◆K873

+AK7

South opened INT (12-14) and North made a conventional reply showing clubs, which is why South became declarer in Six Clubs. It is a poor slam. but prospects were improved by the diamond lead - if this is from an honour it seems the third-round diamond loser has disappeared.

Declarer played low from dummy, and took East's queen with her king. She crossed to dummy with a spade and played a heart towards her hand. East hopped up with the ace and played a trump, and declarer drew two rounds finishing in hand. This was the ending:

+ A 10 9 **4** Q 8 6 W- E ▼9852 **4064** s . **e65** ₹KJ 4873

Now with the diamonds 4-l and East holding the last trump there was no winning line - it was not possible both to draw trumps and take two diamond finesses.

Do you see the declarer's error? If she had unblocked a diamond intermediate from table at trick one, she could have drawn the outstanding trump, and pitched table's spade loser on the heart king. Then she can run the diamond eight and remain in hand to repeat the diamond

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By Philip Howard

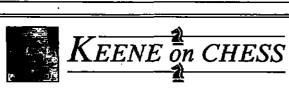
HANAMI a. Dried shark's fin b. A counter-kick c. A floral picnic

INVAR a. A fur boot b. Nickel and steel c. Hibernation

MICKERY a. Irish-bating b. A type of well c. A baked potato

NITCHIE a. A friendly Indian b. Impertinently petulant c. A bed-jacket

Answers on page 46



19 Rád1

20 Bc1

22 Pixd5

26 Qh4

28 Bxc7

Bd7

Although the former world

championship challenger

Viswanathan Anand must

have been disappointed not to

win the tournament, he also

produced some excellent and

combative chess. In this game

he offers a speculative piece

sacrifice to tear away the

defences of the black king.

Black: Boris Gelfand

White: Viswanathan Anand

Wijk aan Zee, February 1996

Sicilian Defence

Black resigns

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Wijk aan Zee The tournament at Wijk aan Zee in Holland at the start of this year - yet another victory for the Ukranian grandmaster Vassily Ivanchuk - resulted overall in a large number of entertaining attacking games. Michael Adams, of Britian, in particular, produced enterprising chess, as in this win against the Russian grandmaster Alexei Dreev.

White: Michael Adams Black: Alexei Dreev Wijk aan Zee, February 1996

French Defence 2 d4 ° 3 Nd2 4 exd5 Oxd5 cxd4 5 Ng£3 N¢6 10 Nxd4 **26**

Bd6

Bxh2+

11 Re1

12 Bb3

13 Nf5

15 Nxq7

Diagram of final position

2 Nc3 8 Qe1 9 Bb3 10 ఉన్ 11 Kh1 Nbd3 13 Rxf3 hxg5 21 Nxe6 fxe6 23 Rxe7+ Bxe7

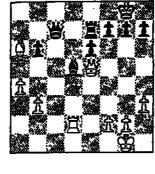
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Doroshkevich - Fedorov. USSR 1981. A key motif in chess is the unprotected back row a feature appearing when a castled king is trapped on the back rank by his own pawns. This can be very dangerous as the arrival of an enemy major piece (i.e. queen or rook) on the back row can spell immediate disaster. This is one such position. How did White exploit his opponent's weakness?

Solution. page 46



ROSSLYN PARK SCHOOLS SEVENS SNOW REPORTS

Si Edward's, Oxdord 24 Christ Coll, Brecon 7;
Radiey 24 S. George's, Weybridge 7;
Sunden's 21 West Buckland 5, King's,
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Tonhordge 12 Bedford 22; Bryanston 28
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Junior tournement
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Aske's 20; Adems GS 12 Haberdashers'
Aske's 20; Adems GS 12 Haberdashers'
Aske's 20; Adems GS 12 Haberdashers'
Aske's 22; Nytridge 41 Beverley 0 Group
winners: Adams GS
Group B: Glantal 20 Dantlord GS 12: Queen
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GS 12 Queen Elizabeth's 27 Group winners:
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Gregony's 5 Latymer Upper 12. Group
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SI Benedict's 43 Verulam 5; Christ Coil 21 SI
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Coil 40 Verulam 5; Coopers 29 St Benedict's
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7 Bedlord Modern 43; Etham 24 Reigste 15.
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Oratory 25 St Hugh's 0; No Househam Hall 17
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Bede's 0 Wyodfile 39; Group winners: St
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Mail 7 St Bede's (Eastbourne) 38; The Downs
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The Mail 17 Group winners: The Downs
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Ielde 38 Newland House 10: Port Regis 21
Prestlede 19; Chinthurst 7 Newland House 5:
Port Regis 45 Newland House 0; Chinthurst
14 Prestlede 29 Group winners: Port Regis
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Hazelgrove House 5 William Hail 0;
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Degon 57; St. Andrews 12 Dragon 29;
William Hail 18 Hazelgrove House 33. Group
winners: Dragon.

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Hollmewood House 34 Kingswood House 75;
Farleigh 14 Clayesmore 27; Hollmewood
House 31 Clayesmore 12; Farleigh 24 Kings-

Hall 20 Group winners: Mowden Hall Group N: St. John's 1, Beaumont 61 Ayde 0; Danes Hill 24 Beechwood Park 17; St. John's 28 Danes Hill 5, Ryde 0 Beochwood Park 17; St. John's 10 Beachwood Park 27; Ryde 0 Danes Hill 71 Group winners: Beechwood Park.
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BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

atmosphere and the prize of a

semi-final against Manchester

United at stake, cool heads

rather than clever feet will be

The League is still more

important to us," Kenny Cun-

ningham, the Wimbledon de-

fender, said. "It's no good going down Wembley Way after finding yourself in the

Endsleigh [Insurance] League.

can't really afford to be over-

cautious. We'll chuck every-

thing we can at them and see

what happens."
Wimbledon have trod the

same path in their three

previous ties, drawing away

with Watford, Middlesbrough

and Huddersfield Town be-

fore winning the replay.

The likely loss of Dean

Holdsworth up front, after he

sustained an ankle injury in

the 3-0 home defeat by Arsenal

on Saturday, should be counter-balanced by the re-

turn of the underrated yet

influential Oyvind Leon-hardsen, after suspension, in

Leonhardsen's stifling of

Gullit, who is expected to have

recovered from the bout of flu

that forced him to miss the 2-0

defeat at Liverpool in the

Premiership at the weekend.
Though Chelsea have learnt

to live without the elegant Dutchman, during his occa-sional absences, his presence

is vital. Dennis Wise always

supplies energy and enthusi-

asm but needs the calm.

complementary skills of Gullit

alongside him to be truly

"I hope we've learnt from the mistakes of the first game," Wise, the Chelsea cap-

tain, said. "After going 2-I up.

we were very disappointed not

to finish the job. I'm sure we'll

do better and can show what

we're really capable of this time around."

Much will

it's a one-off game and we

IF REPUTATIONS are any pitch to play on, a frenetic thing to go by, the FA Cup quarter-final replay at Selhurst Park tonight repre-sents a culture clash of cataclysmic proportions. Chelsea, the smooth aristocrats from the King's Road, against Wimbledon, the rough-and-ready rebels without a home, let alone a cause. Artists against artisans; good versus evil; Beauty and the Beast.

In reality, it will be nothing of the sort. Chelsea have earned multiple glowing references this season, with Ruud Gullit at the heart of every patient, thoughtful approach. every incisive, flowing move. Yet the brave new world of Glenn Hoddle, the manager, has shown signs of wear and



tear in recent weeks, with only one victory achieved in six matches in the FA Carling

Wimbledon's traditional "we'll-show-'em" attitude remains entrenched in the psyche of any player who pulls on a blue-and-yellow jersey. It will never change. Yet they, too, have refined their style, only reverting to type when all

They dominated much of the first meeting, which finished 2-2 at Starnford Bridge, and were judged by many as unfortunate to need a second

The gulf in Premiership points and places may be great — Chelsea have 44 and are ninth. Wimbledon have 27 and are seventeenth - but the gap may prove almost nonexistent this evening.
With a bumpy, threadbare

Thomas convinces doubters

Peter Ball profiles

a player who has

revived a flagging

career at Anfield

S even years ago, a goal by Michael Thomas in the dying seconds of the season denied Liverpool their second FA Cup and League double. Now, after a long spell in the Anfield wilderness, he is playing a key role as Liverpool again chase both honours. They are a handy third in the FA Carling Premiership and have an FA Cup quarter-final replay against Leeds United tonight.

Thomas's return to centre stage is the stuff of fairy-tales. Less than six months ago, he was still surplus to Liverpool's requirements and apparently on his way to Atalanta. The Italians could not organise the finances, though, and Thomas stayed — another player, it seemed, who had failed to fulfill the promise of his thrilling early years. Five months on, he is enjoying his best spell since his £1.5 million move to Antield from Arsenal in 1991 and is discussing a

new three-year contract. The intervening years have been frustrating. Even Arsenal's second champion-ship in 1991 was not an unalloyed pleasure. Thomas, who enjoys passing the ball, found the long-ball system employed by George Graham less and less fulfilling, and he

"When he [Graham] first came, we played through midfield, but then he changed it." Thomas said, "which was why I was a bit critical. A few players wanted to say the same thing, but they couldn't. He always knew my views though.'

Liverpool, with their emphasis on passing, seemed to offer the ideal option for Thomas, but he arrived as a Graeme Souness signing at a time of upheaval and his career was hindered by a series of injuries. When Roy Evans took over as manager, his future at the club appeared

"It comes down to people's views on you as a player," Thomas said. "I wasn't getting a chance. I was playing one game and then being left



out again, even if I'd done well. That was the hurtful

signed in the autumn, Thomas's future looked even bleaker. McAteer had said he wanted to play in central midfield, as he had for Bolton Wanderers, but when he settled at wing back and Jamie Redknapp was injured. Thomas came in and took his

His athleticism means that, as well as acting as John Barnes's chauffeur to and from training, he also does

some of his running for him on the field too. Some think that Barnes is not the only Liverpool player to benefit from Thomas's introduction, Thomas moving the ball on quicker than Redknapp.

Make it simple, make it quick," was Arthur Rowe's precept for the Tottenham Hotspur push-and-run side of the early Fifties and Liverpool have always preached sim-plicity. "It's all about twotouch, really, pass and move," Thomas said, "and, if you have ability, it should come

easily, but that disguises Thomas's ability and his intelligent reading of the game, as he showed when temporarily filling in as one of the three centre backs recently. "We've used him in some

odd positions, but he adapts very quickly and very well," Evans said. "He's not bad at getting the ball, which is always an asset, he's liable to come up with a goal, he works hard alongside John Barnes and he gives us stability. On current form, you couldn't

Griffiths to coach new Welsh rugby league team

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

CLIVE GRIFFITHS will be confirmed as coach of the new South Wales rugby league club later this week after his departure from Warrington yesterday. Griffiths, coach of the Wales national team, had been on the coaching staff at Wilderspool for eight years.

The appointment of Griffiths, 41, is expected to be confirmed by Mike Nicholas, founder of the second division club, which is meant to capitalise on the interest the Wales team created during the World Cup last year.

With a week to prepare a makeshift side of mainly rugby union recruits, whose only league experience is at amateur and student level, Griffiths has an uphill task. Most home matches will be at Aberavon. Others are proposed for Cardiff rugby union club, with the Arms Park a possible stage for the Wales v England European championship match on June 26.

Griffiths was briefly caretaker-coach at Warrington after Brian Johnson's resignation in January, but was subsequently overlooked when the dual appointment of Alex Murphy and John Dorahy was made. "I have enjoyed my time here, but all good things must come to an end." he said.

There was renewed turmoil in Australia yesterday as a possible compromise between the Australian Rugby League (ARL) and the Super League collapsed. The ARL rejected a proposal to include two clubs from the banned rival competition - Adelaide Rams and Hunter Mariners - in its competition, which starts on

Super League players and coaches said refusal by the ARL of seven of 15 points they put forward meant they had no alternative but to establish a separate, independently-run competition, ahead of Super League's appeal against a ban until 2000 at the Sydney Federal Court in May. The Rugby Football League

might assist the establishment of a rival league. Wayne Bennett, the Brisbane Broncos' coach, said: "The ARL has behaved unethically and kicked Super League players in the teeth. Naturally, they are indignant and more determined than ever to form their

own competition." Some Super League-alinged ARL clubs could be forced to field under-strength teams. Many leading players have said they will refuse to play in the ARL competition. The ARL would not speculate on whether matches would be forfeited this weekend, but is thought to have drawn up contingency

INERIEF Struggling • **Arrows** ready for buy-out

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TOM WALKINSHAW, the team principal of the Ligier Formula One motor racing team, is set to make his longawaited move into ownership by completing a buy-out of the struggling Arrows outfit before the end of the season (Oliver Holt writes). It had been thought that Walkinshaw, who, with Flavio Briatore and Ross Brawn, was the architect of Michael Schumacher's world championship win at Benetton in 1994, would enter a new team next season rather than stay with the French team owned

by Briatore However, it now appears Arrows' financial problems may have presented him with a golden opportunity. Arrows.
based in Milton Keynes and
run by Jackie Oliver, the
former grand prix driver,
entered the sport in 1978, but has never won a race.

Bell strikes

Skiing: Graham Bell reaffirmed his status as Britain's leading downhill racer by easily winning the national title on the first day of competition at the British Land national championships in Tignes. France yesterday. On the well-prepared Lognan piste, Bell, 30, left Andrew Freshwater, of Scotland, in second place, I.17sec behind. Tessa Pirie, 17, of Aberdeen, on her first year in the women's team, won the women's downhill at her first senior championships.

No suspension

Table tennis: Chen Xinhua, 35, the England No 2, has escaped suspension for his showdown with officials at the European Olympic Games trials in Manchester in January and will be allowed to play for Britain in Atlanta this summer. Xinhua failed to leave the court after receiving a red card by the umpire, but, after giving a written apology to the British Olympic Table Tennis Committee, he was told no action would be taken, although he, was warned that he was fortunate not to be suspended and that any future outbursts would lead to fines and possible suspension.

Seles injured

Tennis: Monica Seles withdrew from the Lipton championships in Key Biscayne. Florida because of a shoulder injury, tournament officials yesterday. Seles missed this month's Evert Cup in Indian Wells, California for the same reason. She hurt her left shoulder en route to winning the Australian Open in

Cantona's contribution critical for United



Cantona: consistent scorer

By Peter Ball Goalscoring has proved Manchester United's Achilles' heel in recent weeks, the team failing to turn a series of FRANCE have no room for Eric Cantona at the moment. Manchester golden chances into goals. It cost them two points on Saturday. "We can't keep missing these chances," Alex Fergu-United, by contrast, are looking to him to lead their pursuit of Newcastle United in the FA Carling Premiership,

son, their manager, said yesterday.

The one consistent goalscorer of late Kevin Keegan's men having regained has been Cantona. "Eric is playing his best football of the season." Ferguson top spot by beating West Ham United 3-0 at St James' Park on Monday. The Manchester side will return to the top said. "He is scoring vital goals, he is if they beat Arsenal by two goals at Old looking like scoring all the time and

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Tonight, Nicky Butt and Phil Neville return in a game that, traditionally. has always been tight, though perhaps it will not be as tight as Liverpool's meeting with Leeds United in their FA Cup quarter-final replay threatens to be, if the dire first match, at Elland

Road, is anything to go by. "I honestly don't know how Leeds will approach it." Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said yesterday, "but it could end up a bit like a

time, but, if we go hell for leather, we could get caught out." Manchester City's bid to provide

another Georgian to support Georgi Kinkladze received encouragement yesterday when Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA), revealed that the PFA would not object to a work permit for Mikhail Kavelashvili, the Spartak Vladikavkaz forward. City hope to sign him before

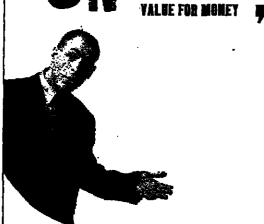
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GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Taunton & Twerton & NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division; Citheron & Nanthuch 1. FA YOUTH CUP: Fifth round: Crystal Palaco 2 Westord 0. MIDLAND YOUTH CUP: Semi-final first leg: Notis County & Leicoster 0. SCHOOLS MATCHES: Under-15 Interna-tional: Wales 3 Hungary 0 (at Pontypridd)

HOCKEY BRITISH Universities INDOOR CHAM-PIONISHP: Men: Semi-linals; Edinburgh 2 Durham 1; Birmingham 3 Nottingham 1. Final: Edinburgh 4 Birmingham 3, Womens Winner: Head Wes. WOMBN'S WELSH LEAGUE: Heverbord-west 2 Colwyn Bay 5; Svensea 4 Carolli Athletic 0 Leading final standings: 1, Swensea 29pta, 2, Newtown 22; 3, Colwyn Bay 21 (Lientair relegated).

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REAL TENNIS HATFIELD: British Land national over-50s championship: Quarter-finals: H Angus bt D Weston 6-4, 6-4; R Knight bt S Leigh 6-2, 6-1; P Dantby bt A Beason 2-6, 1-4 rat. J Ward bt P Ma 6-1, 6-1, Semi-final: Angus bt Knight 6-2, 6-3.

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TOWN SEATURES Kick-offs 7.30 unless stated * denotes all-ticket match European Cup Quarter-finals, second leg Ajax (2) v Borussia Dortmund (0) Juventus (0) v Real Medrid (1) Panathinelkos (0) v Legta Warsaw (0) Spartak Moscow (0) v Nantes (2)

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OTHER SPORT ICE HOCKEY: British League: Chemp-ionship play-offs: Newcasile v Humberside (7 0) Promotion-relegation play-offs: Manchester v Swindon (7.30). BOWLS: Women's indoor home inter-national championships (Llanelli)

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Aintree holds key to trainers' title

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

AINTREE'S recent evolution into a valuable racing festival means there will be much more at stake this year than the Grand National laurels. The destiny of the trainers' championship will almost cerrainly be settled over the threeday meeting, which starts a

This coveted accolade appears a straight match between Martin Pipe and David Nicholson. Between them, the pair have harvested the last seven championships, and prize-money levels approaching £1 million will ensure that competition between them, uncompromising at the best of times, has an added significance at Aintree.

Pipe, five times the champion before Nicholson broke the stranglehold three years ago. approaches the meeting with the upper hand. With earnings of £600,000. Pipe has built a lead of more than £50,000 over his perennial adversary. And he has five entrants in the National itself, worth a record £110,000 to the winner this year. Running polans for the quintet have yet to be finalised but victory in jump racing's equine lottery

would put Pipe out of reach. Nicholson, for his part, will not be represented in the Martell-sponsored National. Intriguingly, however, the reigning champion trainer is preparing a strong assault on the supporting races. The heart of his challenge rests

with Viking Flagship and Barton Bank, respectively in line for the Mumm Melling Chase and Martell Cup Chase, themselves the two most valuable prizes excepting the National.

Victory in either event would hoist Nicholson to within short change of Pipe, who, having forfeited the lead on opening day at Cheltenham, promptly regained the initiative when Cyborgo and Challenger Du Luc triumphed on Gold Cup day. "My prospects of holding on to the title completely depend on how the

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SUNKALA SHINE (5.20 Towcester) Next best: Lance Armstrong (3.50 Towcester)

horses perform at Aintree, Nicholson said yesterday.

"There is the odd valuable race after the National, like the Scottish National and the Whitbread, but we need a successful Aintree to have a chance," he continued. "We didn't have a winner at Cheltenham but almost all the horses ran good races. Whatever the outcome, I'll be pleased if they run as well next week. Obviously I'd like to retain the title but the horses

Ground permitting, Nicholson intends to saddle up to 10 runners at Aintree. The going was yesterday reported on the fast side of good by Charles Barnett, the clerk of the course. "It is early days yet but

we could do with some rain,"

he said. "The forecast suggests

that some is on the way." Nicholson is also optimistic that his stable jockey, Adrian Maguire, will recover from the multiple fracture to his right collar-bone in time for the meeting. "We missed Adri-an at Cheltenham," he said, "but he will have to start riding out here soon. I'd like to see him prove his fitness on

the course before Aintree."
With Pipe certain to campaign his string well beyond Aintree, Nicholson must establish a healthy lead next week if he is to secure his third successive championship. And Pipe's annual domination of the season's latter months suggests that his stable jockey, David Bridgwater, still has a chance of overhauling Tony

McCoy in the jockeys' listings.

An 83-1 double at Fontwell yesterday extended McCoy's seasonal tally to 128, representing a lead of 32 over Bridgwater. McCoy is favoured in the betting for the riding championship, although whether he has a sufficient cushion over Bridgwater is debatable. If past events are an accurate guide, Pipe's springtime monopoly might yet tilt the balance towards Bridgwater in this. their first season in harness.

Royal Athlete retired before defence of Grand National crown



Athlete, winning last season's Martell Grand National (above), has been retired instead of defending his title at Aintree on Saturday week. The decision to retire the 13-year-old, who was a 25-I chance for this year's renewal, was made at a meeting between his trainer, Jenny Pitman, her son and assistant Mark, and owners Libby and Gary Johnson. In a statement yesterday, Pitman said: "Due to the prolonged spells of frost and

snow, and the fact that we are unable to train him on artificial surfaces, we feel that we would not be able to produce "Alfie" at Aintree in the condition that we would like. "Royal Athlete has been a great ambassador, not only for his owners but for ourselves and he has been enjoyed over the years by a great number of National Hunt supporters. Whilst it leaves us with a feeling of sadness to bring his racing career to an end, we know that this is the right decision as the welfare of our horses is always uppermost in our minds. Pitman added. Jason Titley, who crowned his first full season in Britain by winning on the chestnut at Aintree, also paid tribute. "The win changed my life." he said.
"The National is probably the most famous race in the world, and gets a lot of publicity." During his career, which spanned eight seasons, Royal Athlete won £222,355 in prize-money.

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3.40 Gales Cavalie 4.10 Cool And Easy

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.40 SLINGSBY. Carl Evans: 4.10 Good For Business.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

2.10 ROBERT WERR TRAVEL NOVICES SELLING HURDLE

		PEN MERO NOVICE RETING INCIDE						
(£2,094; 2m 2f) (18 runners)								
101	33-454P	TIME TO MOVE 161 (Mrs & Jones) P Jones 6-11-3						
102	6-03660	ALLAHRAKHA 11 (M Hall) Mrs J Retter 5-11-2	ŧ					
103	P5	DEBOS 14 (R Godwin) M Pipe 6-11-2						
į.	5054-06	HIGH POST 7 (C Garland) 6 Ham 7-11-2	7					
	32000P	KRLLING TIME 71 (S Lewis) A J Wilson 5-11-2 D J Burchell	6					
106		MOLLAND MOOR (P Hobbs) P Hobbs 7-11-2						
107	C/C	STAY HAPPY 20 (Lasts Medical Systems) A Newcombe 7-11-2 P Holley						
108	600	DUALITY 9 (Mrs & Green) 5 Cole 5-10-11 6 F Ryan (5)	5					
109	P	SEASONS 58 (Mrs D Thomas) Mrs D Thomas 7-10-11 J F Tilley						
110	06-0006	URBAN LILY 9 (B) (Mrs C Cole) R Hedges 6-10-11 T Distcombe (5)	ą					
111	5P-P0	VALIEY'S CHOICE 21 (S Sievens) S Sievens 7-10-11						
112	UOP-OSP	VEXFORD MODEL 19 (V Greenway) V Sreenway 6-10-11 C Manda	- 5					
113	034P10	TOUTE BAGAILLE 20 (BF.S) (Knight Hanks) M Pape 4-10-9	Ę					
114	U4510P	(REEF 30 (G) (H S Racing) R Curits 4-10-8						
115	440P	LAMBUSTER 34 (Crossurays Partners) Mis R Henderson 4-10-8 D Saller (5)						
116		LOGIE 329F (D Moon) D Gardolfo 4-10-8 D Learly	١.					
117	_02	FORTUMES ROSE 19 (Mrs A Samett) J King 4-10-3	1					

BETTING: 5-2 Toude Bagallie, 9-2 Debos, 6-1 kired, 8-1 Allahrakha, 10-1 High Posi, Pacific Overlure, 12-1 Urban 1995; MAED ECLIAL 4-10-6 R Durawoody (6-1) M Ploe 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

TIME TO MOVE 641 4th of 8 to Spoon Magic in conditionals handscap hundle at Newton Abbol (2m 11, good to soft), HGH PDST 2094 6th of 17 to Robers Pride in handscap handle at hereto at Newton Abbol (2m 11, soft), TOUTE BAGAILLE bear Rbo Du Nord



Long handicap: Function Gale 9-71, Dunkery Beacon 9-10 FBETTING: 5-2 Smiling Chel. 5-1 Chelses Mathe, 6-1 Mellion Pride, 7-1 Maestro Paul, Dusky Rover, 8-1 Seasamacamile, 10-1 Storp Performer, 14-1 others. 1995: TERAD 9-12-0 J Lower (7-2) M Pipe 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

MARESTRO PAUL beat Rhoman Fun neck in handi-cap chase at Folkestone (2m 51, good) penuthmate start SMILING CHEF beat MAESTRO PAUL (9th better off) 10s in novices tendicap chase at Zandown (2m 41 floyd, good) to sait), MELLION PRODE beat Giengami Gart Iss in maden huntle at

	J.	IV D	FIER HANDICAL HORDE (12'050: 20) 51) (10 images)	
•		4 04000	CTAINING DAVID AR RECESS OF Homoboxy & Thomas 9-11-10 J Prost	-
	301	1-2122	Saber (5) S	U
	30.	262F65	JADIOH 7 (C.F.G.S) (D Hazzard) C Wildman 8-11-4 D Salar (5)	ü
	303			
	304	7.0010	COOL CLOWN SI (ES) (Mrs. P Browns) M Pige 9-10-11 D Bridgester 3	5
	344	2PF IU	T J Marrier City	Ľ
	305	P310F1	DOMENTE 20 (B.G.S) IA HEYES & DAMEY OF THE BOARD OF THE B	я
	306	PYFOOR	COOL CLOWN 61 (GS) (Mr P Browns) M Pipe 9-10-11	2
	307	37,0443	Pound 7 10.0	п
	308	40-5215	PLOW 13 (5) (Mrs C Dunn) R Bucides 7-10-0.	ü
	309	ALL 4600	MOSPY SEC MAN O FEST (MR A MANDAIL JULE SHOW) 9 MAN Y	•
	210	D404 600	CM TORY 9 (G) (D Armitage) A Fester 9-10-0 C Maude	-

Long handicap: Flow 9-8. Wreckless Man 9-4, I'm Toby 8-10 BETTING: 5-2 Dominie, 4-1 Cool Clours, 6-1 Staunch Rival, The Bouler White, 7-1 Jadidh, Royal Piper, 8-1 T

1995; RUPUS 9-12-1 W McFartend (10-1) B Smart 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

STAUNCH RIVAL to Bishops Island in handrap chase here (2m 72 110yd, good). COOL CLOWN leaf Storm Oram 8 in claiming burdle at Lebester (3m, havely pendinate start. DOMNNE heaf Pinde (3m, havely pendinate start. Selection: DOMNNE (nap)

GENERAL DE CHR IN-LINE RACEGARD Going on vehich horse has won (F -- firm, cood to

3.40 HEAVITREE BREWERY CHALLENGE CLIP HANDICAP CHASE (£7,155; 2m 2i) (5 runners)

129-229 GALES CAVALUER B7 (6.5) (Startight Racong) D Sandollo 8-12-0 ... R Over 256/PP2- SILLY BATHGATE 338 (F.6.5) (B Heghes) B Pating 10-11-4 ... C. 131256 MORTHERN SADOLLER B (F.6.5) (R Evers) R Hodges-9-10-9 ... J. F. 432415 S.DEPR TACTICS 16 (BF.6.5) (R Perry) R Rhost 8-10-0 ... Mar P Head 2-53U04 BOLD CHOICE 13 (D.F.6.5) (J Joseph) R Frost 10-10-0 ... Long handicar: Super Tactics 9-12, Bold Choica 9-11.

(2010) RESIDERIE; 2004 (Marches 271). BETTRIBE: 7-4 Galts Canalier, 5-2 Morthern Sodolfer, 3-1 Super Tactics, 6-1 Bold Chance, 14-1 Billy Bashquie 1895: LACKENDARA 8-10-4 J Osbonne (9-4) Mies H Kinghi 7 nav FORM FOCUS

GALES CAVALER 31 2nd of 4 to Front Steel in handicap chase at Wincominn (2m. good). SUPER handicap chase at Westuny (2m. 11, heavy) penult-male start, BILLY BATHGATE 31 2nd of 3 to Wind's in Orbit in bandicap chase at Wincominn (2m. firm) that start last essent. MORTHERN SADDLER best moent effort 11ki 2nd of 4 to Ensitute in Imitad

 $4.10~_{\text{HOBERT}}$ webb travel Hunters chase (Ameleus: £1,193: 3m 2i) (13 numers)

BETTING: 3-1 Magnotia Map. 4-1 Meanly Splendid, 5-1 Cool And Easy. 8-1 Professor Lunghair, 8-1 Father Dowling, 10-1 Egonessment, 12-1 others. 1995: BLUECHEPENTERPRISE 9-11-5 R Darke (11-2) Mrs M Darke 15 ren FORM FOCUS

NEARLY SPLENDED has Stainless Start 201 in 4runner hunt at Chyst St Many (good to soll) PROFESSOR LONGHARR best either heat St Layear 21 in
10-runner meeten bunits chase at Hearlend (Sm 11
10-runner meeten bunits chase at Hearlend (Sm 11
10yd, good) May 1995 GOOD FOR BUSINESS 31
2nd of 8 to Vital Song in Intermetable at Niftgorns
S Andrew (good).
MAGNOLIA MAN beat Bluechipenetexprise 301 in a

4.40 ROBERT WEBB TRAVEL HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,658: 2m 2l) (13 runners)

Long handicap: Mustahil 9-12, Coeur Battart 8-0 BETTING: 9-2 Shrysby, 5-1 World Express, 5-4 Granby Bell, 7-1 Ground Rut, Mozdic Mino, 8-1 Dress Dance 10-1 Green Island: 12-1 others. 1995; PONGO WARING 6-10-5 J Osborne (7-2) Miss H Knight 71 ran

GROUND NUT head and \$1.48 of \$1 to Most Garden in handleap hardle at Windson (2m, good to farm). SUNGSSEY 44 2nd of \$11 to Tara Rambler in power handle at Windson (2m, soit). DRESS DAMCE 81 4th of \$12 to Arease in novices handleap holitally at Manual Resen (2m 31 116yd, good to film).

WORLD EXPRESS best Windson Anom 141 is 8-number handleap hardle at Windson (2m 31 116yd, good).

Selection: SUNGSSEY

COURSE SPECIALISTS Rnrs 61 275 26 35 125 17 Rides 32 21 133 77 33 26 JOCKEYS TRAINERS Mess H Knight
Mess H Knight
M Pips
A Duan
K Balley
P Hobbs
T Thomson Jones J Lower J Tilley R Dunwoody D Bridgwater D Lealty T Dascombe RESULTS FROM VESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Shinerolla attracts support in Lincoln

THE Tote yesterday reported heavy support for the Colin Parker-trained Shinerolla in the William Hill Lincoln Handicap at Doncaster on Saturday and cut his price from 20-1 to 14-1.

However, the gelding's owner, Raymond Green, said: "It wasn't my money that brought his odds down. The prize-money on Saturday is enough — I don't need to back him. Ĭ think he will run a very running."

Parker and his principal patron, Green, are best known for their involvement in National Hunt racing. But they will be switching their attention to the Flat for Saturday's £50,000-added contest.

After Green's bold-jumping mare, Solba, had completed a treble in the Bute Novices' Chase at Ayr today in fine style under Brian Storey, the London-based owner said: "I hope my run of success continues at Doncaster this weekend."

Green paid 40,000 guineas for three-time 1995 winner, Shinerolla, out of Lynda Ramsden's yard at the Newmarket Autumn Sales, and the gelding has been set to carry 8st 8lb on Saturday.

The best-backed horse with Ladbrokes in yesterday's exchanges was the John Dunloptrained Beauchamp Jazz, cut from 9-1 to 7-1 second favourite. Ladbrokes bet: 6-1 Sharp Prospect, 7-1 Beauchamp Jazz, 9-1 Delta Soleil, 11-1 Moving Arrow, Shinerolla, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS.

TOWCESTER: Trainers: Miss C Saunders, 11 winners from 18 runners, 61.1%; J Bradley, 3 from 9, 33.3%, D Nicholson, 18 from 57, 31.6%; C Brooks, 8 from 30, 26 7%; Mrs I Mickle, 14 from 57, 24 6%; D Brennan, 25 from 103, 22.9%, Jockeys: M Brennan, 25 winners from 100 rides, 25.0%; W Marston, 12 from 57, 17.9%; G Bradley, 6 from 37, 18.2%; V Smith, 3 from 20, 15.0%; P Hide, 5 from 37, 13.5%

r mide, s from 37, 13-7%.
LIDLOW: Trainers: Miss J Pidgeon, 4 winners from 7 runners, 57 19s; D Nicholson, 24 from 88, 27.9%; M Pipe, 15 from 79, 19-0%; T Foarder, 12 from 69, 17-4%, J Edwards, 9 from 50, 15-0% Jockwys: R Massays, 4 winners from 15 fides, 26.7%, A P McCoy, 7 from 34, 20 6%; N Mann, 3 from 15, 18-8%; D Gallagher, 6 from 37, 16-2%, J R Kaveragh, 6 from 49, 12-2%; W Worthington, 4 from 33, 12-1%.

3.00 (3m 2/ 110yd ch) 1, Childhay Chocolate (A P McCoy, 6-1), 2, Call Me Citzen (11-2); 3, Teatrader (4-1) All Clap Hands 9-4 fev (pu), 8 ran. 8l, 13l P Nicholis, Tote: £7.50; £2.20, £2.80, £1.40 DF, £30.90, CSF; £34.31

TOWESTER THUNDERER

2.20 Zamirah. 2.50 ARTIC WINGS (nap). 3.20 Five Flags. 3.50 Florida Sky. 4.20 Teaplanter. 4.50 Glitter Isle. 5.20 Children's Choice.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 5.20 CHILDREN'S CHOICE (nap) Carl Evans: 4.20 Teaplanter.

GOING: GOOD (CHASE COURSE); GOOD TO SOFT (HURDLES)

2.20 PETER HILL INSURANCE BROKERS AMATEUR RIDERS SELLING HURDLE (£1,877: 2m) (10 runners)

1 22UC ZAMIRAH 119 (D.F.G.S) N Twiston-Davies 7-12-10 7 16F- 80LD PLRSUIT 28F (D.S) J. Fitzgesid 7-12-3... C Bornhader (7) 80 3 5-54 ALTD PRINCESS 235 (F) C Jones 7-11-12. MESS B Small (7) 72 4 4600 FORCING TWO 60 (B) W Twiston-Davies 5-11-11 5 00 SZZONNE 144 J Bradley 6-11-11 D Price (7 6 800 SOUTHERN RIDGE 48 F R Baker 5-11-11 A Holdsworth (7 0-0P TURSAL 97 T Downelly 7-11-11 L Holds (7 8 0 EAN MOR 89 J Upson 5-11-8 T Byrne (5) 9 800P ROSE 32 Mrs S Lamyran 6-11-6 N Kert (7 10 800D TOSKARO 4 D Williams 4-11-3 M Fitzgerals (7)

2.50 ALEX LAWRIE NOVICES CHASE

(£3,709: 2m 110yd) (6)		
1 0224 ARTIC WHOS 12 (BFF.G.S) 0 Breman 8-11-4	M Brennan	ij.
3 32-0 BOLD DOUPHIN 69 T Forsier 6-11-2 M	A Filznerati	_
4 /P-4 MY WIZARD 16 (BF,G) J Galard 9-11-2	PHada R.Supole	70 80
6 -03F MARTHA'S DAUGHTER 57 I Forsier 7-10-11	A Thenson	91
9-4 Marina's Daughter, 3-1 Another Venture, 4-1 Artic Wings, 5-1 Bold Dolphin, 8-1 Sizzling Alfair	My Wigard.	5-1
	1 0224 ARTIC WINES 12 (BF.F.G.S) O Brewnen 8-11-4 2 4-1/2 ANOTHER VENTURE 50 (S) F Marphy 6-11-2 3 32-0 BOLD DOLL PHIN 89 T Forster 6-11-2 4 /P-4 MY WIZARD 16 (BF.G.) 3 Cation 9-11-2 5 2704 SIZZING AFT-AR 21 M WINDISON 7-11-2 6 -03F MARTINA'S DAUGHTER 57 IT Forster 7-10-11 9-4 Martina's Daughter, 3-1 Another Venture, 4-1 Artic Wines, 5-1	1 0224 ARTIC WINGS 12 (BF.F.G.S) O Bremon B-11-4 M Brennin 2 4-U2 ANOTHER VENTURE 50 (S) F Marphy 6-11-2. P Carberry 3 32-0 BOLD DOLL-PRIM BS T Forsiar 6-11-2. M A Fizzardi 4 /P-4 MY WIZARD 16 (BF.G) J Galord 9-11-2 M F Fidde 5 ZFJL MIS AFFAR 21 M WITCHES 77 I FORSIar 7-10-11. A Toportion 9-4 Martin's Deopher, 3-1 Another Venture, 4-1 Arts Wines, 5-1 My Wasrd.

3.20 LUNSON MITCHENALL HANDICAP HURDLE

(£2,973: 2m 5f) (14) 3 PAU - BRANNELD DRY 407 (F.S.) A LINESON-DENES (**-11-18)
C Lieuthyn -4 0400 NICK THE BEAK 26 (C.D.S.) J Upson 7-11-10 ... A Thornton BS
5 15-3 DON DU CADRAN 13 (6) T Forster 7-11-7 ... A Thornton BS
6 315- MR TAYLER 310 (CD.F.B.S) H Colleoprings 11-11-8 V Smith 80
7 13-F RYE FLAGS 20 (D.F.B.S) Mr S S. Smith 8-10-13 ... R Guest 89
8 4142 SELAIAM 11 (C.B.F.S) D Smitholis 4-10-12 ... D Forst (S) 90
9 563P DERRING VALLEY 7 (B.F.B.S) A James 11-10-4 S Curran (3) 97
10 6007 MARRIES SOCIETY 7 (S) A Newcombe 8-10-3 (Re)
11 0007 MARRIES SOCIETY 7 (S) A Newcombe 8-10-3 (Re)
12 3042 SCARBA 9 (S) J Jelferson 6-10-2 ... L Wyer SS
13 0564 ALICE'S METROR 7 (C.S.S) K Beston 7-10-0 ... R Grasse 84
14 6-0F HEATHYARDS BOY 4 (S.S) R Hollenbead 6-10-0 L Aspell (5)
14 2 Scarba 4 Don De Carban 6-1 Section 8-1 Monthly Pleasone Peter 10-1

7-2 Scarbs, 4-1 Don De Cadran, 6-1 Selatan, 8-1 Kinoko, Pisacone Peter, 10-1 Manne Society, 14-7 others.

3.50 H.E.A.T. DIAMOND HANDICAP CHASE (£4,760: 3m 1f) (7)

1 FPFF GHA CHEWAGH 18 (C.D.F.C.S) N Tension-Dance. 10-12-0 2 -1FP FLORIDA SKY 96 (D.BF.5) C Brooks 9-11-4 ... 6 Bradley E 3 0F11 LANCE ARMSTRONG 9 (G.S.) 6 McCourt 6-11-2 (Ser) 6 McCourt 90 4 1154 McCluP 13 (C.BF.F.G.S) T Fostar 9-11-0 ... Miss S Semeclosuph 97 5 P-4U SYMMARPHE 16 (F.S.) A Alter 10-10-6 ... Miss S Semeclosuph 97 6 -001 Markets Mc GOOSEY 13 (G.S.) Mrs 1 McCe 6-10-4 L Harvey 89 7 3052 STEEPLE JACK 13 (S) K Bishop 9-10-0 ... 8 Greene 94 9-4 Lance Armstrong, 11-4 Micklep, 5-1 Fronde Sty, 5-1 Gilla Gneutagh, Males Me Goosey, 10-1 Steeple Jack, 14-1 Shamarphil

4.20 REDMOOR AND RUSHIMERE PROPERTIES OPEN HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,294: 2m 61) (5) 1 - 121 TEAPLANTER 13 (C.F.G.S.) Mass C Samdors 13-12-8 B Pollock (5) 97
2 09-0 ASBA LAD 9 (S.S) F Substand 14-12-0 ... K Wheats (7) -3 -6P4 ANTERN COUNTY 15 (S) J Commell 11-12-0 ... J R Commell (7) ...
4 11F- CALL HOME ASD (F), files S Folumb 11-12-0 ... T His (7) 89
5 51P/ VLLCAN STAR 687P (S) S Smith 10-12-0 ... T His (7) 89
1-3 Teaplaster, 3-1 Call Home, 12-1 Wifcan Star, 33-1 Abba Lad, Anirim County

4.50 LUDOVIC NATIONAL HURT MOVICES HURDLE (£2,775: 2m 5f) (18)

(\$2,775: 2m 5f) (18)

1 3013 FOXTROT ROMEO 19 (8F.S) C Brode 6-11-8 ... G Bradley 85
2 UB1F MYSTIC SLE 23 (S) N Brooke 6-11-8 ... C Lievellyn 98
3 3451 TULLYMURTHY TOF 13 (G) J Jefferson 5-11-8 ... L Wyer 88
4 -3P2 ASK MK KNROLY 16 0 Sherenod 8-11-2 ... J Oshome 80
5 0-3 DEF FARR 22 Whi S Smith 9-11-2 ... R Gest 67
6 2443 GLITTER ISLE 32 J Edizol 6-11-2 ... W Homphreys ...
8 3 IRJECTABUCK 12 (G) K Balley 6-11-2 ... W Homphreys ... BROOK 14 C Lockson 6-11-2 ... W Homphreys ... D Byron 90
10 0 KN TAK MAC 34 M Branzboorgh 6-11-2 ... Goy Lewis (S) ... MAURICHAS S Christian 6-11-2 ... W Merston ... BROOK ... W Homphreys ... BROOK ... BROOK ... W Homphreys ... BROOK ... W Homphreys ... BROOK ... BROOK ... W Homphreys ... BROOK ... B 9-2 Foderi Romen, S-1 Mystic Isle, 6-1 Ask Me Knody, 7-1 Tullymony Toff, 10-1 Injectatouck, Cillier Isle, 14-1 others.

5.20 BOOKER CASH & CARRY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (92,495: 2m) (16)

7-2 Children's Choice, 5-1 Colorful Ambiltion, Zingiber, 7-1 Be Brave, 8-1 lan's Bid, 10-1 Suntata Strine, 12-1 others

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Exeter: 2.10 Liber Lily, 2.40 Titan Empress, 3.10 Staunch Rival Ludlows 3.30 Court Jokes 4.30 Some Obligation, Towcester: 5.20 Pansian

2.00 Sophism. 2.30 The Caumrue. 3.00 Percy Thrower. 3.30 Let's Get Lost. 4.00 Crafty Chaplain. 4.30 Tytherington. 5.00 Kippanour. Carl Evans: 3.00 Fox Pointer. 4.30 Pastoral Pride.

GOING: GOOD

2.00 SEIFTON CLAIMING HURDLE (\$2,472: 2m) (17 runners)

2.472: 2m) (17 runners)

1 0004 JAVA SHRWE 55 1 Jusk 5-11-11

2 P210 LDDS 16 (0.6) J Banks 5-11-7.

3 405 MR4-LOU-AND 58 Mes H Krepit 6-11-7.

5 F300 DORMSTON BOYO 14 (6) I Walf 6-11-5

6 D900 KHATER 20 (B.D.F.G.S.) M Pipe 7-17-7

6 D900 KHATER 20 (B.D.F.G.S.) M Pipe 5-11-5

7 1004 MSTER LANSON ZET (D.F.G.) B Street 10-11-5

8 -000 DWENS DELYGHT 165 (6) P Wegtram 6-11-5

9 DPS JUNELE HISHWAY 69 P Fish 7-11-4

11 F4-0 KAYTAK 18 (V.D.F.G.S.) M Altern 9-11-3.

12 DPP WOODLANDS EMERGY 8 P PROTECT 9-11-3

13 PSP WOODLANDS EMERGY 8 P PROTECT 9-11-3

14 00 JADY'S DREAM 9 8 Palmg 5-11-0

15 -3P5 LADY BREYFAX 14 Ms J Sidebasson 6-11-0

16 0000 MLISICAL VOCATION 34 B Presce 5-0-12

17 060 LADY LDS 98 P Presce 5-0-10.

2 Sophism, 4-1 Loos, 7-1 Tatelbil, 6-1 Minn-Lou-And, Java Sirin 5-2 Sophesta, 4-1 Locus, 7-1 Tadellai, 8-1 Micro-Lou-And, Java Stvine, 14-1 Kaj Mister Lanson, 16-1 others.

2.30 ROBERT HOLDEN NOVICES CHASE

(£3.534; 2m 4f) (8)

5-4 The Courtney, 3-1 Beroni, 5-1 Balant, 6-1 Cracking Mes, 8-1 Hashar, 10-1 others. 3.00 MAGNUS-ALLCROFT MEMORIAL TROPHY HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,926: 3m) (7)

JNI ECHS CHASC (AHIBBURS Z 1, 920. 3111) (1)

1 3L/P ROSS VEHTURE 32P (D,F,5) Mass Aren 11-12-7 G Stockton (7)

2 4-U1 PERCY THROWER 72 (6,5) M Tueston-Daves 9-12-4 M Retred (5)

3 -504 BARN POOL 18 R Davies 14-12-0 ... E Collins (7)

4 /29- FOX POOL 18 R Davies 14-12-0 ... J Jokes (7)

5 -FFF ROUL A-DAVEC 11P (5) M Willemson 7-12-0 ... G JB Sever (7)

5 -754-5 SAMS HERITAGE 25P (CD,F,6,5) P Warner 12-12-0 ... M Davy (7)

7 -2-13 WILD BLUSSON 15 (CD,G,5) Mass Propont 12-12-0 R Whote (7)

40 Daves Throws 2.1 Maid Bluston A-1 For Pounter 10.1 Samy Northina Pross 11-10 Pency Thrones, 2-1 Wild Buston, 6-1 Fox Pointer, 10-1 Same Heritago, Ross Vesture, 25-1 Poli-A-Dance, Barn Podi.

3.30 BANKS BREWERY HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,139: 2m) (13)

4.00 BANKS BUSINESS BUILDER HANDICAP CHASE (£3,371: 2m) (8)

4.30 LUDLOW OPEN HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,954; 2m 4f) (17)

(Armateurs: £1,954: 2m 4f) (17)

1 2-63 AL HASHMI 18 (C.D.F.G.S) N Ridou 12-12-7 N Ridou (7)
2 RTP2 KAMBALDA RAMBLET 15 (D.F.S) R Crosby 12-12-7 R Crosby (7)
3 31-7 FALCOMBRIDE BAY 16 (7) R bravey 9-12-4 R Armson (7)
4 65P- 60LDEN FARE 17P (7) S Floot 11-12-0 Miles C Thomas (7)
5 -PF4 HICKELTON LAD 11 (CD.F.G) D Williams 12-12-0
Miles S Higgins (7)
6 3390 KALL SAMA 16P M Hat 0-12-0 L. R White (7)
8 36EV KONE OF SHADOWS 11P (6) Miles C Carden 9-12-0 S Prior (7)
9 PKY LIKE'S THE BIZZ 11P Miles 10 barly 8-12-0 L. C Stockton (7)
10 -342 PAMIELA'S LAD 15 (6.53) M Lloyd 10-12-0 L. B Control (7)
11 59/5 PASTORAL PRIOR 28 (D.G.) P Curling 12-12-0 Miles P Curling (5)
12 56-5 SEARCY 15 (7-6.53) T Long 8-12-0 L. Miles L Blackford (7)
13 0-PF SOME OBLIGATION 11 (8.C.G) C Namro 11-12-0 J Phichard (7)
14 2-29 TILFHMI 660/66 397 (6.5) Mary 6 Salego 9-12-0 A Philips (7)
15 22-5 TYTHERMISTON 322 (f.5) M Hammond (12-12-0 Miles POPP)
WARNER FOR PLEASURE 700P (8,7) J Grouzott 10-12-0
C Stockton (7)
17 U- DERRING RUN 344 F Matheurs 6-11-9
M Smith 70

7-2 Al Hashimi, 5-1 Kembekis Rambler, 6-1 Pactoral Pride, Tytherington, 7-1 Pamela's Lad, 10-1 Hickelton Lad, Some Obligation, 12-1 others

5.00 ASTON MUNSLOW JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,472: 2m) (17)

123 KEPPANOUR 103 (D,G) C Marm 11-5. . .

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Going: good Going: good
2.20 (2m 4i 110yd hdle) 1, Wild West Wind
U F Titley, 7-4 tav, Private Handloapper's
top rating); 2, Catthy Hang (14-1); 3, Auf
Even (20-1) 13 nan NR: The Other Man.
2*4, 3*4; Mass H Knight Tote: £2 80;
11:30, £3 20, £3.60. DF £11.50 7nb; not
won (poel of £23) 18 carried lorward to
5.20 at Towcester today). CSF: £24.00.

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2.50 (2m hdie) 1. Coest Along (D J Burchell, 5-2 law); 2. Fools Of Pride (20-1); 3. Valiant Toski (11-2), 16 ran. 1 ki, 9t, D Burchell Tote: 63.30; 61.50, 67.90, 62.00. DF: 6219 60. Tino: £178 40 (part won; pool of £113.12 carriad forward to 5.20 at Towcester today). CSF: £55 12. 3.20 (2m 5f ch) 1. Werekengale (W Marston, 10-1); 2. Tough Deal (7-1); 3. Eastern River (7-2), Bitacrack 3-1 fav (f) 11 ran. 1 kil, 3 kt, Mrs J Pitman Tote £11.60; £3.00, £2.60, £1.70, DF: £49.60 Tino. £172.90 CSF: £73.57. Tircest. £273.28 3.50 (3m 110yd hdie) 1. Ezadian (G

2272.28 3.50 (3m 110yd hdle) 1. Erzadlen (G Cahil, 9-2); 2, Karar (12-11; 3, My Rossni (6-1), Smith Too 5-2 tav. 8 ran. 9l. 248, Mrs. M. Reveley, Tote: £4.30; £1.90, £2.30, £2.00, DF; £37.50, CSF; £46.84, Tricast

5.20 (2m 4f 110yd hdie) 1, General Torsic (Sophie Mitchell, 9-2); 2, Nova Run (11-4 Island); 3, Win A Hand (33-1). Uncle Aldy 1-4 Island; 3, Win A Hand (33-1). Uncle Aldy 1-4 Island 1-4 I Jackpot: not won (pool of £28,304.75 carried forward to Exster today). Placepot: £239,80.

Quadpot £42.40. Going: good, good to firm in places Going: good, good in in a pace.
2.10 (2m. 41 indle) 1, Uncle Keeny (A
Roche, 7-2, Thundener's nap); 2, Mandicat (11-4 fav); 3, Bite Cherm (11-1), 14
ran, NR-Real Tortic, 3½1, 11 J J O'Neal.
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£4.70, Tric: £15.00 CSF; £13.49, 24.70. Trio: £15.00 CSF: £13.49.
2.40 (3m 110yd hole) 1, Master Sandy (B. Storey, 5-1); 2, Bold Account (2-1); 3, Canean Valley (25-1). Shonare's Way 5-4 (av. 8 ran. 19), 8). B. Mactaeggart. Tole: £7.50, £2.50. £15.0, £3.90. DF: £16.40 Trio: £36.60 CSF: £15.57.
3.10 (2m 4t ch) 1. Rustic Air (M Dayer, 3-1); 2. Ganeral Command (7-4 tay); 3. Strong Approach (4-1), 5 ran. 9), 9). J. Filtogerald Tote: £4.30; £2.80, £1.10. DF: £5.00. CSF: £8.60

4.10 (2m 4f ch) 1, Solba (B Storey, 4-1); 2, White Diamond (20-1); 3, Rebei King (12-1), Disco Des Mottes 11-8 fev 11 ran. 7, 4l, C Pariker Tote 64,80; 61-80, 63 00, 61 80. DF \$23.50. Trio: \$43.80. CSF:

4.40 (2m fat race) 1. Atavistic (P Niven, 4-1), 2. Ardenoch Prince (11-4 fav); 3. Lord Podgski (33-1) 15 ran. NR: Red Warrior. 5l, 5l. R Fisher. Tote: 55.60, 51.90, 52.00, 53.20 DF 511 10. Tito 5198.70 (part won; pool of 5173.56 carried lonward to 5.20 at Towcester today). CSF. 515.98. Placepot £119.20. Quadpot £16.70. Fontwell Park Going: good to firm

DF. £30.80. CSF: £34.31.
3.30 (2m 6t hole) 1, Daring King (C Maude, 12-1); 2, Fresh Choice (3-1 lav); 3, Rio Trusky (12-1), 10 ran, 51, 1½1. M Bolton, Tole: £17.50. £4.50. £1.20. £3.20. DF: £18,70. Trics £144.10 CSF: £44.35. Tricast. £408.30.
4.00 (2m 3t ch) 1, Hamper (Mr N R Mitchell, 5-4 lav); 2 Biekes Orphen (11-2); 3. Lavalight (7-1), 5 ran, NR Halham Tam 134.161 Plens Buller, Tote, £2.10; £1.20. £2.30. DF: £4.50. CSF: £7.54. 4.30 (2m 2i hole) 1, Mademe President (C Maude, 7-1); 2, Dream Leader (40-1), 3, Gerry's Pride (6-1), Plying Fiddler 9-4 in-tay, 11 ran, NR: Mr Pleyfull 11, 3L C Nash Tote: £7-50; £1.30, £13 60, £2.10 DF: £184.30, Trio 2.00 (2m 2i ch) 1, Uncle Berl (D Fortt, 2-1 tay), 2, Upward Surge (33-1), 3, Fichu (12-1), 11 ran, 4f, 8f G McCourt, Tote, 22.60, c1 30, 26 90, £1.70 DF; £104.80 The: £168.80, CSF 557.58, Yncast: £571.81. Placecost £434.70.

Angry Rodman pushes button to self-destruct

t all seemed to be going so well for Dennis Rodman. The fans loved him. They wore wigs in homage to his choice of lime green hair. They swapped to blonde when he did. At the end of Chicago Bulls matches, they held up signs imploring him to give them his jersey. It became one of the rituals of the National Basketball Association (NBA)

The Bulls were happy, too. Rodman's peerless rebounding skills, his ability to beat opponents to wayward shots. turned them into a Superteam. provided the final ingredient to complement the talents of Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen. Together, the trio have put Chicago on course to become the first team to win 70

games in a season. On the court, Rodman, a one-time boylriend of Madonna, an extrovert who frequents gay clubs and Las Vegas casinos, surprised ev-eryone with his courte-'He has simmered all ous behaviour. He may

have cut a strange fig-ure, heavily tattooed, arms like stretch elastic, were singling him out' but there were few hints of the antics that had marred his years at the San Antonio Spurs, when he once head-butted the team's cuddly mascot and insisted on refer-

ring to his coach as "Boner".
There was little of the overt aggression that had made him such a worthy member of the "Bad Boy" Detroit Pistons earlier in his career. Jordan. initially scathing about Rod-man's cultivated eccentricity and oft-stated lack of respect for the league, was gradually

won over by his performances. All the time, though, it felt like one of those Westerns where it is just too quiet, the lull before the moment the Indian's arrow flies in through the window of the stagecoach. On Saturday night, the arrow found its target, Rodman pressed the self-destruct but-



Oliver Holt on a basketball

player determined to attract

the wrong sort of publicity

ton and the Bulls' worst fears were realised.

Rodman was ejected from Chicago's game against the New Jersey Nets for persistent fouling and vented his frustration by head-butting a referee. Ted Bernhardt, knocking over a water cooler, stripping off his jersey and shouting ob-scenities before he was ushered from the court. The real

said, had just stood up.
The NBA acted swiftly. On Monday night, they banned him for six games and fined him \$20,000 (£13,000), keeping him out of action until April 2. It was the third-most severe punishment meted out

season, feeling referees

by the league, behind Vernon

Maxwell's ten-game ban for running into the crowd last

year to try to silence a heckler and a 26-game suspension forced on Kermit Washington

in 1977 for punching an

injury, Rodman's actions may

have ruined the Bulls chances

of breaching that 70-win barri-

er and Jordan, upon whom the

whole burden will now fall,

was quick to voice his anger.

"We are trying to progress as a team and he kind of let it go by

the wayside," Jordan said. "A

lot of what you see in Dennis is

his image and persona. He

has continued to feed off that

and that is very dangerous to

Rodman, it seems, is caught

this team's success.

With Pippen struggling with

Dennis Rodman, everybody

He has cultivated a largerthan-life image, releasing a book called As Bad as I Want to Be, revealing plans for a talk show entitled The Denise Rodman Show, in which he would interview guests in drag, and regularly castigating the league for its policies. All season, he has simmered because he felt referees were singling him out for punish-His talent - he is leading

in a trap of his own making.

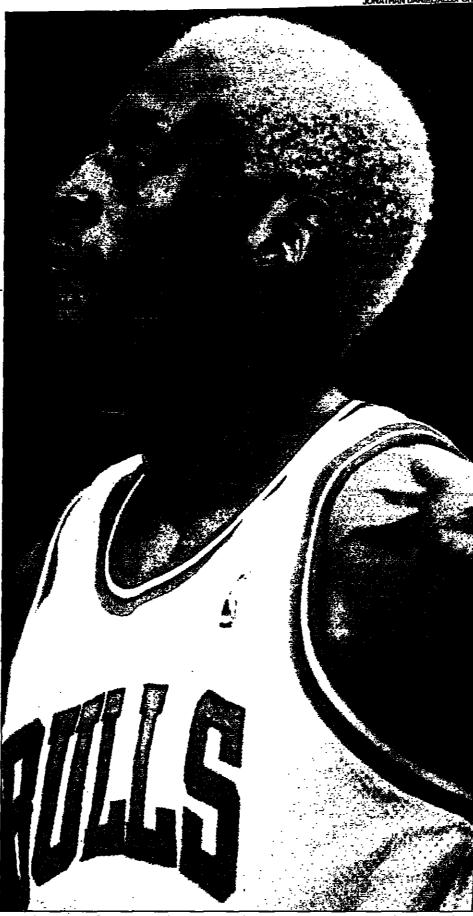
the league in rebounding for the fifth consecutive season is too great for the Bulls to discard him, especially at this advanced stage of the season, but the last time he ran into disciplinary trouble.

with the Spurs at the end of last season, he spiralled out of control. He took advantage of

one brief break in play by lying on his back on the court, placing a towel over his head and taking off his shoes. He was

left out for the rest of that game and later in the year the Spurs were forced to bench him for a crucial play-off game and were glad to trade him when they got the chance. A similar scenario could develop in Chicago.

If it does, it may ruin the swansongs of Jordan and Pippen, too, but Rodman has long ceased to see himself as an ordinary basketball player with ordinary responsibilities. "I don't give a damn about basketball any more," he said recently. "It's like the back to the future ride in Orlando, like virtual reality. I'm already out of life in the NBA. I'm just living my life the way I want to. I'm not an athlete any more. I'm an entertainer."



Rodman must face up to a six-game ban that comes at a critical time for the Bulls

Main lacking confidence to make leap into top flight

FROM JOHN HENNESSY IN EDMONTON

IT WAS a depressing case of deid vu, but in spades. Stephanie Main, the British figure skating champion, has qualified for the world championships here in Canada this week, but only at the last gasp.

As on the occasion of the European championships in January, she failed to achieve even the one triple jump. With marks plummeting as low as 3.8, she just scraped through to take the last of the 12 qualifying places in the Group A field of 16.

The 12 from Group B plus six exempt skaters comprise the 30 who will enter the short programme section on Friday. From those 30, 24 will go forward to the final the next

To judge from the form of the qualifying competition, Main is unlikely to be needed on Saturday. This is all the more disappointing because she is undoubtedly a fine skater, strong and artistic, but something

goes amiss with her jumping when under the combined critical eye of a panel of judges. There may be some who wondered

whether the selectors finally made the right choice in sending Main. When she won the British title, Jenna Arrowsmith, 15, had been unable to

However, Arrowsmith finished 29th out of 30 in the short programme at the world championships in Birmingham last year and was allowed to skate in the final only because of the special dispensation given to the host country. Britain faces the humililation on Friday of failing again to win a place in the final on merit.

Meanwhile, women, indeed girls, of little skating tradition, or of none, overtake the British competitors, while the more powerful skating nations turn them out by the score. Just after Main's programme, a skater from the United States, barely tall enough without skates to peer over the rink boundary boards,

performed wonders of teenage expertise. Moreover, Tara Lipinski is barely a teenager, since she reached her thirteenth birthday only last June — yet she is skating with extraordinary aplomb, quite unnerved by a fall on her first triple jump, a

Later, she succeeded, with remarkably accomplished technique, with five other triples. Is there not a sporting millionaire at home, in Newcastle, say, who could arrange a

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Britons aided by conditions

FROM DAVID RHYS JONES IN ADELAIDE

THE bowling greens of Australia, like the country's cricket pitches and golf courses, are reputedly among the fastest in the world, but competitors in the men's world outdoor championships here have been surprised by their relatively slow pace.

The World Bowls Board, which would like to outlaw greens that are either too fast or too slow, has directed the

green keepers at the Lockleys centre to keep the greens, normally a firey 18 sec-plus, well watered.

Rain over the weekend has made them heavier still and has inevitably narrowed the lines to the jack. Fast greens mean wide swings, slow greens reduce the effect of the bias and the conditions at Lockley's are, as a consequence, almost British in re-

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 43 HANAMI

(c) An agreeable Japanese excursion for the social viewing of flowers in bloom, particularly cherry-blossom. Transliteration of the Japanese. The hanami or picnic to famous places to view certain flowers as they bloom in

(b) The proprietary name of an alloy of iron or steel (about 64 per cent) and nickel (about 36 per cent), which has a very small coefficient of expansion. A shortening of invar(iable). "The more recent discovery of the nickel-steel alloy. Invar, by Dr C. E. Guillaume has, however, to a considerable extent revolutionised compensated pendulums."

(b) A type of Australian well, but also marshy ground, Of unknown Oz origin. "A mickery was a timbered well-shaft sunk into the sandy bed of a creek: it was worked by means of a note placed across a forked stick, the pole having a bucket attached to one end and a weight to the other." NITCHIE (a) Originally (among North American Indians), a friend, Hence as a

(usually derogatory) term for a North American Indian. From the Algonquian. Robert Service. Ballads of Cheechako. 1910: "Then came I to a land I knew no man had ever seen, A haggard land, forlornly spanned by mountains lank and lean:/ The nitchies said twas full of dread, of

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spect of the speed and swing. Scotland, the holders of the Leonard Trophy, are in their element and have not been beaten in their first six games

 three pairs and three triples. Neither have England, while Wales have won five out of six and Ireland four out of five.

The Australians, who might have had a ready-made excuse for slipping up, have had a scare or two, but have so far come through unscathed with six out of six, while New Zealand, whose home greens are even faster than those in Australia, have won all five of their matches.

Of the lesser bowls nations, Argentina impressed yesterday when Sebastian Sanchez Keenan and José Riveros took Richard Corsie and Alex Marshall, of Scotland, the defending champions, to the wire. before losing 18-17. Meanwhile, the Cook Islands, who have sent Inatio Akaruru, their Deputy Prime Minister. to Adelaide to do battle in the oairs, have won two of their first three matches.

The main contenders in the singles championship next week are all doing well. Tony Allcock is leading superbly for Andy Thomson in the pairs, Corsie looks good and Kelvin Kerkow is enjoying himself as middleman in the Australian

☐ England. the defending champions, who fielded four new caps yesterday, defeated Wales 114-101 in a fluctuating match at the start of the women's home international series at Llanelli. The overall lead changed hands several times until, over the last three ends, across the green, England scored 20 shots to

Results, page 44

RADIO CHOICE

The secrets were on tap

Great Spy, Lousy Tapdancer. Radio 3, 8.20pm.

At last, as they say on the movie posters, it can it be told. In the early 1940s, Josef Goebbels thought of a way of boosting the morale of the German fighting man. Radio stations would broadcast Americantype jazz. As the trumpets blared and the cymbals clashed, a strange sound joined them. It was the tap-dancing feet of Heinzie Doppeldrek. They were sending secret coded messages to the Allies about such vital matters as German troop movements. The supreme irony was that the dancer's planist was an unsuspecting Gestapo man. I should have thought April I a more appropriate day to broadcast Great Spy. Lousy Tapdancer.

Young PC Radio 4, 2.00pm.

It's not like Dixon of Dock Green. The street wise neighbour is talking to the father (Paul Copley) whose teenaged daughter (Julia Ford) has just started work as a probationary policewoman in her home town. As Mark Davies Markham's serial gets into its stride, we can expect the neighbour's pessimism about post-Dixon law enforcement to be well-founded. Already, someone has drawn a beheaded pig on the front wall of the home the fledgeling PC shares with her parents. Even her boyfriend (Tim Dantay) has low hopes of her progress. "You'll never make it as a copper," he tells her. "Too many people know you." I salute Markham's economy with

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4,00am Citve Warren 6.30 Chris Evans 9.00 Smori Mayo 12.00 Lisa ("Anson 2.00 Nicky Campbel 4.00 Mark Goodier 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Radio Tip Top 10.00 John Peel Midnight Wendy Lloyd

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Kan Bruce, inclust 10.00 Pick of the Hits 11,30 Jimmy Young 2,00pm Debbie Thrower 3.30 Alex Lester 5.05 John Durm 7.00 Jim Loyd with Folk on 2 8.00 The Richard Thompson Story (2/3) 8.30 The Richer Mix 9.00 Cajun Clubhouse (1/6) 9.30 Nigel Ogden 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Sue McGarry Incl

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfest Programme, and 6.55, 7.55 racing preview 8.35 The Magazine, and 10.35 Euronews 11.30 Wildlife News 12.00 Middey with Mair, Incl at 12.34pm Moneycheck and at 1.15 Entertainment News 2.05 Ruscoe On Five 4.30 Nationwide with Julian Worricker, and at 5.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News Extra, and at 7.20 sport 7.35 Trevor Brooking's Football Night. European Championships quarter-finels 10.05 News Talk with Jeremy Vine 11.00 Night Extra, and at 11.15 Financial World Tonight 12.05 and After Hours 2.05 Up All Night, with Rindd Sharp All Niight, with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

6,00am Sandy Wan 7.00 Smon Bates 10.00 Jonathan King 12.00 Tommy Boyd 2,00pm Anna Raebum 4.00 Scott Chsholm 7.00 Sean Bolger 9.00 Moc Dee 10.00 James Whate 1.00-6.00am

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6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor, Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in E flat, Op 6 No 2); Stravinsky (Ballet: The Fairy's Kiss); 7.05 Fauré (Cantique de Jean Recine); Suite: Bonduca, 2754)

Delius (Violin Concerto)
9.00 Morning Collection with
Paul Gambaccini. Mozart (Rondo in D. K4825); Beethoven (An die ferne

Gellebte, Op 98); Schumann (Symphony No 2 in C) 10.00 Musical Encounters, with Nicola Heywood Thomas. Froberger (Lamento sopra la dolorosa delia Real Majesta di Ferdinando IV de Romani); di Ferdinando IV de Romani);
10.05 Artists of the Week:
Juffiard Quartet performs
Beelthoven (Grosse Fuge, Op
133); Martinu (Symphony No
3); Messiaen (Cinq rechants,
No 3); 11.00 Aliven (Swedish
Rhapsody No 2); Ellen Taafe
Zwiliche (Prologue and
Variations); Mozari (String
Quintet in 6 minor, Krifg)
12.00 Composers of the Week:
The Court of Frederick the
Great, Counterpoint and
Other Studies. With Peter
Williams

Other Studies. With Peter Wifferns

1.00pm Concert Hall, Hanna Weimmeister, violin, and Lora Dmitrova, piano play Mozart (Violin Sonata in F, K376), Bartók (Violin Sonata No1)

2.00 Schools Together 2.20 Time and Tune 2.40 Drama Workshop

3.00 Mildweek Choice, presented by Susan Sharpe C. P. E Bach (Fantasy in C, H291); Dvoták (The Golden Spinning-Wheel)

4.00 Choral Evensong. Live from Wells Cathedral. Organist and master of the choristers is

Singers 5.15 In Turia. Andrew Green introduces pieces including G, Op 6 No 1); 6.20 Borodin (The Sea Princess), Beethoven (Piano Sonata in E flat, Op 27 No 1, Quasi una

7.30 Philharmonia. Live from the Royal Festival Half in London Conducter Mikhail Pletneov Victor Tretvakov, violin. Tchaikovsky (Romeo and Juliet); Glazunov (Violin Concerto in A minor); 8,20 Great Spy, Lousy Tapdancer See Choice, 8.40 Shostakovich (Symphony No.

9.20 The Sonnet. Marilyn Hacker discusses the importance of Shakespeare
9.40 Intersections. The first of a

new lour-part series leatures a commission from Ivan Mondy by the Tavener Choir, Consort and Players. The piece explores the theme of the Revelation to St John 10.45 Night Waves. Christopher Cook investigates the aris scene in the North of England

scene in the Norm of Englan since the area has been awarded the Arts Council's Year of Visual Arts 11.30-12.30am For Export Only, lain Burnside explores the many occasions when foreign composers have used British poems for their song settings and plays a selection 1.00-1.40 Night School. German

perspective on the last 100 years. This week he focuses

on talking 8.05 Out of the Fire. A profile of the Albanian dissident Andrea Opan, presented by John

Sympson (r)

8.35 True Encounters. A Darker
Sister, staming Henry
Goodman as psychiatrist Dr
Irvin Yalorn in a story taken
from the doctor's casebook

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isabel Hilton 10.45 Book at Sedtime: Picnic at

11.00 Fab TV. The Return of the

Hanging Rock, by Joan Lindsay read by Lisa Harrow

Preventers written by and starring Morwenna Banks, Chris England and Robert

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Brefing Incl Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today Incl 7.25. 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day with Jim Thompson 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Midweek with

9.00 News 9.05 Midweek with 10.00 News; The Trade Rag (FM only). Nick Baker introduces Truck and Driver
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 This Scepti'd Isle (LW only)
10.30 Women's Hour entroduced by Jerni Marray

by Jerni Murray. 11.30 Gardeners' Question Time 12.00 News; You and Yours, with

Lesley Riddoch
12.25pm Maugham's Eye View.
The Round Dozen narrated by
Dirk Bogade 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick 1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping

Forecast 2.00 News; Young PC. See 2.00 Newson
Choice
2.45 See it My Way. The last in
the series with Peter White
examining the myths about

3.00 News; The Atternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope 4.45 Short Story: The Diary, by Andrea Levy

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping 5.55

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6.00 Stx O'Clock News
6.30 Counterpoint, hosted by
Ned Sherin (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
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12.00 News Incl 12.27am Weather 12.30 The Late Book: Metroland Julian Barnes reads his first

novel, abridged by Georgina Brown (3/10) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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Harley is a connedy series which pays homage to the cult action series of the 1960s 11.30 Paradise Lost in Space (FM only) The third of a sk-part cornedy by Colin Swash The Oblivions are introduced to the genite game of lennis.
Staming David Haig, Tony
Robinson and Louise
Lombard (r)

11.30 Today in Parliament (LW
only)

The weather is terrible, wish you were here

week, a listener wrote to complain. In a radio feature about a British flash flood - I didn't catch which one - the producer overlaid the song The Street Where You Live from My Fair Lady. As the correspondent pointed out, many people had died in this flood, and lest we forget, the first lines of The Street Where You Live go something like: "I have often walked down this street before / But the pavement always stayed beneath my feet before." The reprimand was certainly in order. But why do I mention it? Because last night, watching the new, staggering Savage Skies (ITV) that stupid, stupid song kept humming in my head, as floods in torrent lazily lifted houses off their foundations, spun them round slowly and crushed them like

Freak weather is almost guaranteed to make good television. One

of BBC2's most compelling theme nights was its Weather Night in 1992 — I watched the whole thing, and wanted more. Savage Skies is only four parts; but already that's not enough. Weather is everything, as lan Holm's doomy narration last night kept explaining. Not many of us can say meteorology" with any confidence, but we all know what it feels like to get our heads wet. On this planet water is burnt off, it rises, it falls again — and the process can entail skies that are peach or lilac. clouds that are stringy or tall, hailstones that come down like rocks in an avalanche, and every so often, utter devastation. Last night the subject was clouds

and rain, and the stories included the sudden swelling of a river in Colorado in 1976, which destroyed 418 homes. Houses and trucks were "tumbled" along the swollen river, which churned like boiling lava. People were swept away like

were found. Twenty years later. the survivors were still stunned, still appalled by the memory of their helplessness. Incidentally, they say you never step in the same stream twice, but perhaps that's wrong. The water is always the same stuff recycled: it's been going up and down like a gooseberry in a lift for 4,000 million years. This water once slaked the thirst of a dinosaur," said Holm. Well, surely that explains all this fancy weather we've been having. After 4,000 million years doing the same thing, no wonder it enjoys a bit of variation.

fter strenuously climbing the chronological ladder of A Our Friends in the North and finding solid ground somewhere near the present day, we sighed with relief too soon. "Made it," we said, dusting ourselves off, and shaking hands. Little did we

REVIEW

Truss



us last night when (whoops! no! sod!) we slithered back down to 1960 for And the Beat Goes On (Channel 4). Has anyone got the energy to start again? Personally, when I looked around and saw the milk bars and quiffs and that same terrace of fake houses used in Lipstick on Your Collar. I put my head in my hands and sobbed.

And the Beat Goes On is a know about the big snake awaiting curious thing. It's got enough

characters and storylines for a are grateful whenever they appear. have an ounce of class just once in soap opera; it is shot in bright, light colours like a comedy. Yet last night's central story was a familiar, grim, up-the-dulf affair, better suited to a focused drama, with Laurence Harvey smoking dourly in the dark in black and white. To cast about for recent points of comparison, And the Beat's home abortion scenes evoked vivid memories of Seaforth, the most relentlessly miserable drama series ever made. "More light-hearted than Seaforth" they could call this, and see how far it gets them.

Not easy to sum up, then. A working-class family competes for our attention with a middle-class family. Both include restless young people, suggesting that a Romeo and Juliet story may develop (the series runs eight weeks). Meanwhile Jenny Agutter and Stephen Moore are rather boring characters but, since they are also the easiest to identify, we

The viewer has lots of fun yelling "We had those curtains!" and so on. The working-class materfamilias says "I believe you, thousands wouldn't", and "Time flies when you're having fun". It is a shock to realise that such sayings must be considered quaint and historical.

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arlier on Channel 4, in Without Walls, the American film critic Joe Queenan had great larks dressing up as Hugh Grant, and affecting an unsteady English accent for a little self-written drama called My Fair Hugh. A clunky name for a clunky exercise, this was a Pygmalio variant, in which a frank Yank was to be transformed into a hesitant, charming, classy Brit with floppy hair and heart-breaking smile. It must have looked great on paper. Queenan stared dreamily out of a London window: "I'd give anything." he sighed, "to

mv life."

But apart from admirably magicking the word "legerdemair onto television, the result was embarrassingly weak and pointless. Just occasionally Queenan's impersonation was funny enough - when he inserted "bugger" or "excellent" into sentences randomly, or held back a straggle of hair. Queenan is a trenchant and hilarious writer, whose book If You're Talking To me, Your Career Must Be In Trouble has the funniest index of modern times ("Etymology of word Keanu. 239"; "Slater, Christian: annoying eyebrows of, 169"; "Scorsese, Martin: surprising ability to keep getting dates, 139"). A guy like that could take British arts television by storm. and perhaps — unhampered by floppy wig — he still will. Anyway, if you see Tony Parsons flicking nervously through a bus timetable, you will guess the reason why.

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6.00am Business Breakfast (85556) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (16827) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (6768643)

9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (2101339) 9.45 Kilroy (s) (8918594) 250.30 Good Morning (s) (99681) 12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and

weather (2052759) 12.05pm Turnabout (s) (5468001)

12.30 Going for a Song (s) (37223) 1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) (19914) 1.30 Regional News and weather (99819551)

1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (94696117) 2.00 Pebble Mill (s) (8374865) 2.40 Snowy River — the McGregor Saga (r)

3.30 Moomin (6792469) 3.55 Bitsa /s (5766339) 4.10 Rugrats (r) (s) (9831961) 4.35 Out of Tune (Ceefax) (s) (2768488) 5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (3500440)

5.10 Blue Peter (Ceetax) (s) (1127488) 5.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (972310) 6.00 Stx O'Clock News (Ceefax) (223) 6.30 Regional News magazines (575)

7.00 Les Dawson: The Entertainer. Terry Wogan hosts this programme celebrating the funniest moments from 1968 to 1993 in the career of one of Britain's best-loved comedians (r) (Ceefax) (s) (6933)

7.30 Here and Now. Sue Lawley and the team investigate how the money raised by Sinn Fein in America is spent (Ceefax) (s) (759) 8.00 How Do They Do That? Earnonn Holmes and Jenny Hull show how more than five million people have attended laser wizard Jean-Michel Jarre's 23

concerts; how a new suit helped a girl with cerebral palsy to stand tall; and how car testers dole out punishing treatment to new cars. Also, Barry Cryer and Nick Revell show Earnonn how to tell a joke 8.50 Points of View (348407)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceelax), regional

Drama series about a forension pathologist. Dr Ryan's unwillingness to toe the line makes her a pariah among her police colleagues. With Amanda Burton (466469)

10.25 Sportsnight. Introduced by Des Lynam th Alan Hansen. Football: highlights of tonight's FA Cup sidth round replays; Ice skating: action from the world championships in Edmonton, Afberta, featuring the men's short programme; Olympic feature: a look at Britain's two leading female athletes, Sally Gunnell and Kelly Holmes, as they prepare for this summer's Games (s) (774556)

12.05 FILM: Fire with Fire (1986) starring Craig Sheffer and Virginia Madsen. A boy and girl meet and fall in love but they have a problem. He is an inmate of a reform school and she is a student at a Roman Catholic girls' school. They concoct a plan to escape to a cabin once owned by the boy's late father, closely followed by a reform camp guard. Directed by Duncan Gibbons (686711) 1.45em Weather (9962006)

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6.00am Open University: Maths (9526020) 6.25 Drifting Continents (9512827) 6.50 Understanding Narrative (6720285) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (Ceefax and

subtitles) (1622575) 7.30 Stingray (r) (Ceetax) (20020) 8.00 Run the Risk (Ceetax) (s) (5338020) 8.25 Wishing (r) (s) (6869020)

8.40 The Record (s) (6946391)

9.05 Daytime on Two: Mathsphere Special (6765556) 9.25 English Express (6778020) 9.45 Words and Pictures (9011285) 10.00 Playdays (4453407) 10.25 Numbertime (2225376) 10.45 Cats' Eyes (3246643) 11.00 Around Scotland (6944681) 11.20 Music Makers (6737285) 11.40 Study Ireland (4325933) 12.00 TV6 (55074) 12.30pm Working Lunch (35865) 1.00 The Geography Programme (82134001) 1.20 Zig Zag (82154865) 1.40 Come Outside (94694759)

2.00 Wishing (r) (s) (20442865) 2.10 The Andrew Neil Show. Viewers

question the newsmakers (s) (4030339) 3.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6144925) 3.05 Westminster with Nick Ross (Ceefax) (s) (6602440) 3.55 News (Ceefax) and weather

4.00 Today's the Day. History quiz (s) (488) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (372) 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Expectant

parents (Ceefax) (s) (3700372) 5.40 A Week to Remember: 1956 (b/w) (754001) 5.50 A Different Country Practice: The

Mildwives. The programme follows Kathryn Walsh, one of eight midwives 6,00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (s) (314759)

6.45 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century (r) 7.30 The Car's the Star. Quentin Wilson tells.

the story of the Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud (r) (Ceefax) (s) (768285)

(578759)8.00 Ken Hom's Hot Wok (Ceefax) (s) (3223) 8.30 University Challenge. In the first quarter-final, Selwyn College, Cambridge take on University College, Oxford (Ceefax) (s) (2730)



Drug addict Joey Kavanagh (9.00pm)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Sports Centre (10925) 7.30 Recing News (11310) 8.00 Wrestling (98843) 9.00 Aerobics Oz Style (88930) 9.30 Footballers' Football (73865) 10.30 Rebel TV (88994) 11.00 Assien Football (97730) 12.00 Aerobics (20594) 12.30pm Ringside Boxing (20198) 2.30 Poot Moscon. Cup (973681) 5.00 Wrestling Superstars (4136) 6.00 Sports Centre (8827) 6.30 Rugby (2407) 7.00 FA Cup Stein Round Replay (645556) 10.00 Sports Centre (21223) 10.30 Inside the PGA Tour (38353) 11.00 Grass Roots Rugby (41335) 11.30 Skift

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THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

6.15am Benny Hinn 6.45 Good Morning Europe 4.00 Thought for the Day 4.05 Worship 4.15 Kidz TV 4.30 Highway to Heaven 5.00 Kenneth & Giona Copeland

5.30 Christian Music TV 5.45 Carman Times

SKY SPORTS GOLD

Modern Times: Tracy and Joey (Ceefax) (s) (481117) A Man's World: The Lover (269643)

10.30 Newsnight (124169) 11.15 Murder One (r) (Ceelax) (s) (638204) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (s) (96537)

12.30am-5.00 The Learning Zone

CHOICE

A Bad Time to be a Man BBC2, 7.50pm

There are several ways of tackling domestic violence on television. One is through a big, flamboyant all-star drama, such as Lucy Gannon's recent Trip Trap. The other extreme is getting a real perpetrator before the camera and letting him talk about it. Tonight's anonymous contributor explains in measured and unsensational terms why
he turned to violence many years into an
initially happy marriage. He had become
used to being the breadwinner and taking
the family decisions. When his wife went out to work and started to fulfil her own needs he resented it. He does not try to excuse his behaviour, which landed his wife in hospital and ultimately destroyed the marriage, or to court sympathy. But he suggests that the new assertiveness among women has caused men to feel confused and insecure.

Modern Times: Tracy and Joey BBC2. 9.00pm

The consequences of heroin addiction are the consequences of neron addiction are horrifyingly underlined in a real case just as dreadful as anything portrayed in the fiction of the film *Trainspotting*. At Christmas in 1994, Tracy was abducted from her home in Rirmingham, taken to a churchyard in Cheshire, stripped naked and set on fire. She was discovered by a passing motorist and taken to hospital. The wonder is that she survived as long as 12 hours. She was 31 and the mother of two children. Their father, Joey. Tracy's partner, was a drug addict, repeatedly in debt and forced to flit from home to home. The police theory is that Tracy's killers were looking for him but the case remains open. Meanwhile, the children are with Joey and he shows no sign of changing his ways. Interviewed on camera, he mumbles and shuffles, seemingly oblivious to what has happened.

Dispatches Channel 4, 9.00pm

When it comes to car accidents, it may be better to crash head-on. Seatbelts, airbags, crumple zones and a large amount of metal there is a good chance of survival. There is much less protection from side-impact collisions, which kill or seriously injure an average of 14 people a day. Nor have manufacturers been compelled to provide protection. That is now changing and cars will have to meet new tests, though these do not become compulsory until 2003. Dispatches reports on how attempts to strengthen cars against side impacts have been frustrated by international bureaucracy and the reluctance of manufacturers to adopt measures that are estimated to cost less than £100 a vehicle. The film names models which have passed the

A Man's World: The Lover

It is time, in the oral history of masculinity, to tackle love, courtship, marriage and infidelity. Followers of the series will know they can expect the maximum of frankness with the minimum of prurience. The testimonies are mainly drawn from the 1930s and 1940s, when moral constraints were much tighter. Young men were still expected to behave as gentlemen towards the opposite sex and it was nothing for a couple to be courting for five years before deciding to wed. Ignorance of sex made honeymoons miserable and while men did have affairs. especially during the enforced separations of the Second World War, they often went back to their families afterwards. Once again the personal memories are underscored through telling use of film archives. Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (7300240)

9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (4430556) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (8642469) 10.35 This Morning. Magazine (98694643) 12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (2041643) 12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7828310) 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (7803001) 1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Telelext) (5673092) 2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (s) (30777285)2.25 Chain Letters (Teletext) (s) (30789020)

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9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (2179730)

2.50 Vanessa (Teletext) (s) (4382117) 3.20 News headlines (Teletext) (2649515) 3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (3099056) 3.30 Alphabet Castle (1) (s) (5741020) 3.40 Wizadora (1) (s) (2756575) 3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being (s) (2752759) 4.00 Garfield and Friends (7136533) 4.20

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6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s) (945827) 6.25 Regional News (Teletext) (642240)



Ritz enjoys herself (6,50pm)

6.50 Coronation Street. Jim is in Liz's bad books again; and Rita prepares for a black tie affair (Teletext) (119575) 7.20 Champions League Live. Bob Wilson introduces live coverage of tonight's quarter-final, second-leg match. In Turin's Delle Alpi stadium, Juventus meet Real Madrid (Teletext) (18994204)

NB: Subsequent programmes are subject to delay or alteration 9.30 Oddbalis. Earnonn Holmes hosts another edition highlighting sp calamitles (r) (Teletext) (s) (19627)

10.00 News (Teletext) and weather (32109) 10.30 Regional News (Telelext) (254681) 10.40 In Suspicious Circumstances. Edward Woodward Introduces two tales of murder, mystery and revenge. The Next Mrs Clements is about a doctor with a roving eye, and Absence of Mercy tells of

(r) (Teletext) (s) (246952) 11.40 Champions League Highlights (101865) 12.45am God's Gift (128599) 1.45 Dear Nick. Nick Fisher counsels a victim of sexual abuse, and discusses the contribution cultural differences make in

destroving relationships (2701792) 2.40 Bushell on the Box (r) (s) (6270082) 3.10 Murder, She Wrote (r) (9587402)

4.05 Coach (s) (55084247) 4.30 The Time . . . the Piace (r) (s) (21808) 5.00 The Village Show (r) (s) (99711) 5.30 Morning News (84792). Ends at 6.00 HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except 6.25pm-6.50 Wales Tonight (642240) 10.40-11.40 Championship Boxing (246952)

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except:

12.25-12.30 My Story (2059662) 12.55 Coronation Street (7803001) 1.25-1.55 Chain Letters (80008484) 1.55 Home and Away (42277827) 2.25 Vanessa (30770372) 2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (3239339)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9647391) 6.00-6.50 Westcountry Live (325865)

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As HTV West except:

12.55 Home and Away (7803001) 1.25 Chain Letters. Vince Henderson presents the compulsive word game (80008484)

1.55 Country Practice (94693020) 2.20 Vanessa. Topical debate with Vanessa Feltz (30771001) 2.50-3.20 Our House (4382117)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9647391) 6.25-6.50 Central News (642240) 2.40am The Good Sex Guide...Late

3.35 Jones and Jury. A woman sues a friend who refuses to pay for her car (50751228) 4.00 Jobfinder. How the Advisory, Concillation and Arbitration Service can help with good employment practices (4343315) 5.20 Asian Eye (8976957)

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10.40 Meridian Focus (807420) 11.10-11.40 Tales from the Crypt (611952) 5.00am Freescreen (99711)

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2.05 FILM: Ten Gentlemen from West Point (1942, b/w) starring Laird Cregar as a sadistic commandant and George Montgomery and John Sutton as raw recruits. With Maureen O'Hara. Directed by Henry Hathaway (Teletext) (108952)

4.00 Jimmy's (Teletext) (556) 4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (440)

5.00 Ricki Lake: I Want To Know Why My Best Friend Dropped Me (Teletext) (s) (8691597)

5.45 Terrytoons (762020) 6.00 Blossom: Blossom's Dilemma. Stx runs off with her older, married boyfriend (r) (Teletext) (s) (943469)

6.25 Home Improvement. When Jill's military father decides to write his memoirs, Tim and Jill think some things are better left unsaid (Teletext) (s) (951488)

6.55 Terrytoons (714204) 7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (254223) 7.55 The Slot (571846)



Steven Pinder as Max (8.00pm)

8.00 Brookside. Max Farnham finds himself in deeper and deeper trouble (Teletext) (s)

8.30 Travelog. The journalist Jon Ronson explores the Emerald Coast of the Florida panhandle (Teletext) (s) (4198)

Dispatches (758391) 9.45 The Long Johns (Teletext) (s) (Teletext) (s) (561440)

10.00 ER: True Lies (Teletext) (s) (3556) 11.00 Friends. Rachel is homified to learn that her Italian boyfriend has been propositioning her friend Phoebe (r) (Teletext) (s) (7643)

11.30 Cheers. Sam and Diane decide to get married. With Ted Danson and Shelley Long (r) (Teletext) (84730) 12.00 NBA XXL. The Phoenix Suns travel to the

Charlotte Homets (s) (84889) 2.00 FILM: Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore (1975). Ellen Burstyn won an Oscar for her role as a single mother in Martin Scorsese's hard-hitting drama. With Kris Kristofferson and Diane Ladd (32686). Ends at 4.00

Snowboarding (93914) 1.30 Raily Raid (42204) 2.00 Figure Skaling (722681) 3.55 News (4730914) 4.00 Motors (72020) 5.30 Formula 1 (9310) 6.00 Live Figure Skaling (939339) 10.20 News (801865) 10.30 Equestnanism (78575) 11.30 Termis (75020) 12.00-12.30em Formula 1 (65605)

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News on the hour 6.00cm Surnse (8605914) 9.30 Destinations (28391) 10.30 ABC Nightline (29730) 11.00 World News and Business (869952) 1.30pm CBS News (21515) 2.30 Partisment Live (90759) 3.30 Partisment Live (4469) 6.30 Tonight with Adam Boulton (71596) 7.30 Sportstine (96117) 8.30 Newsmaker (5846) 11.30 CBS News (73407) 12.30cm ABC World News (36941) 13.10 CBS News (73407) 12.30cm ABC World News (36941) 13.10 CBS News (73407) 12.30cm ABC World News (36941) 13.00 CBS News (73 (73407) 12.30mm ABC World News (38347) 1.30 Toright with Adam Boulton Replay (65624) 2.30 Newsmaker (67421) 3.30 Partisment Replay (99266) 4.30 CBS News (71773) 5.30 ABC World News (26792) SKY MOVIES

5.00am Dodge City (1939) (10914) 8.00 it Happened at the World's Fair (1963) (3933) 10.00 Between Love and Honor (1984) (86102136) 11.35 The Sipper and the Rose (1976) (11711407) 2.00pm A Perfect Couple (1979) (12952) 4.00 Bushitre Moon (1987) (6962) 6.00 Between Love and Honor (1994) (64575) 7.30 El Review (1353) 8.00 Made in America (1983) (2946920) 12.05 mm Mid-Note (1983) (20469020) 12.05 mm Mid-Note (1984) (20469020) pone (1993) (20-000-07) light Confessions (1993) (5011537) 1.30 lightmare: City (1983) (584860) 3.05 lithmad Love (1994) (5790808) 4.35

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8.00sm Tostemy the Toreador (1959) (18556) 8.00 Freddle as F.R.O.7 (1982) (38575) 10.00 Saltor Bevere (1952) (59469) 12.00 You're Never Too Young (1955) (28198) 2.00pm Road to Hong Kong (1962) (10594) 4.00 Freddle as F.R.O.7 (1952) (4594) 8.00 Wind Dancer (1990) (90730) 8.00 Wystt Earp (1994) (15370759) 11.10 29th Street (1991) (210933) 12.55sm The Royal Collège of Art — Short Films Showcase (576727) Art — Short Films Showcase (76727)

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THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold lakes over from 10pm to 4em.

EUROSPORT 7.30em Dancing (75136) 8.30 Figure Skaling (758469) 11.00 Football (27198) 12.30 Baskefball (43933) 1.00em

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Contract sets clubs against countries

By David Hands RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE leading rugby union clubs in England have drawn up a draft contract that would enable them to prevent players from appearing for the national side. The contract would effectively remove any control over players by the Rugby Football Union (RFU).
Though not necessarily the

finished article, the document represents the hawkish intent of some clubs and is likely to be discussed when the RFU meets representatives of the clubs at the East India Club in Landon tomorrow.

Two contentious clauses in the document contravene reg-ulations laid down by the representative rugby football for which he may be eligible

International Rugby Football Board (IRFB), which determined last September, in the wake of the sport going open. that national unions should have first call on players and no club contract could provide otherwise or impose conditions. This is not dissimilar to football, where Fifa, the world governing body, requires the release of players for interna-

Yet the duties and obligations of players, as defined by the contract, state that "the player shall not play rugby football [including rugby league) except for the club The second duty states that "the player shall not play any

... without the prior written consent of a club official".

The inference is clearly to give clubs control over where and when their assets, the players, may be used. Any agreements reached in respect of the RFU or the IRFB, the contract goes on, shall only apply while the club remains affiliated to those bodies. "Should the club for any reason wish to play rugby football on a temporary or permanent basis outside the membership ... of the IRFB and/or the RFU ... the club's rights regarding registrations. reements ... shall not be

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The contentious clauses from the clubs' draft contract

deny players a place in the England team but to reduce the possibility of them being called upon for lesser RFU competitions, such as divisional or county rugby, which the clubs are against. Yet the contract as worded would give clubs the power to remove players from national squad training and, ultimately, international matches. Such action would deny players the expo-sure they receive for wearing

the national jersey and the commercial benefits that invariably accrue.

The battle for primacy must be swiftly resolved, with the RFU representing not only its own interests but those of the France, all of whom anticipate a flood of players transferring to English club rugby.
"I don't believe we will get to
a situation where a player has

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England." a leading coach said yesterday, "but a worstcase scenario — say, where the RFU arranges a stack of divisional matches - cannot yet be foreseen. Whoever pays the wages calls the tune and, in five years' time, every firstclass club will be fully profes-

Cliff Brittle, the RFU chairman, will meet representatives of the first and second division clubs tomorrow and representatives of the top 40 clubs on March 31. "We will be listening to what the clubs have to say and we will be persuading them that unity with the RFU is the only way forward."

Brittle said. "It is vital to the future of our game that we stay together. In recent years, a strong and successful England side has attracted millions of people to rugby. We are now in a position to compete globally and we need strong clubs in full support of that." The agenda tomorrow must

also embrace the structure of the season — the RFU has made allowance for European competition next season, but only at one level, whereas the clubs want a two-tier competition — and the financial arrangements for clubs now forced to employ full-time staff on an unprecedented scale. "We have said all along that

we wish to stay under the umbrella of the RFU." Donald Kerr, the chairman of English First Division Clubs Ltd. said.

infighting if sense prevails But what we do ask is that the RFU recognises our situation. All we have done is try and turn ourselves into a professionally-run operation with which we can manage our. affairs properly."

Yet the clubs seek agree ment for their provisional deal with BSkyB for a two-ties European competition when there are already outstanding agreements, to which the RFC was party, with ITV and Heineken, whose investment in Europe was made with an eye to an expanding future rather than this season alone Something will have to give

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Lewis's pursuit of Tyson leaves no time for Bruno

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE future of Frank Bruno remained clouded with uncertainty yesterday after his crushing defeat by Mike Tyson, but one fact emerged with increasing clarity: Lennox Lewis is unlikely to be a part of it.

As Bruno, deprived of the World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight championship in less than three rounds at the weekend, went away to reflect on where the defeat left his career, Lewis's financial backer, Panos Eliades, had appeared to be considering a possible rematch with Bruno.

However, Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager, said on Radio 5 Live yesterday: "Bruno has had his chance. I would say for Lennox Lewis to consider fighting Frank Bruno is a backward steb.

"Unless the money is so good that he could not refuse take that fight again, knowing strength. Yet the deposed

how it ended last time and seeing the sort of performance Bruno put up at the weekend. Bruno has nowhere to go now in the heavyweight division."

Lewis, the British former holder of the WBC championship title and once the Olympic champion, defeated Bruno in Cardiff in 1993 when their bout was stopped in the sev-enth round by the referee. A judge in the United States

has ordered Tyson to make the first defence of his crown against Lewis and Tyson has spoken of his desire to box in Britain, which he described as "my second home".

Lewis said: "I hope Mike Tyson] is going to honour the judge's decision. If he tries to run away, it can only mean he

pearing to close on Bruno. the clarion calls for him to retire at it, I can't see him wanting to the age of 34 were gaining

champion remained undecided. "My dream has always been to retire from boxing in front of a home crowd - a winner rather than a loser," he was reported as saying. "There are many things to consider, but any report that I have quit is pure fiction. I have

Bruno revealed that Don King, the American promoter, had offered to stage another world heavyweight championship bout involving him. "King's offer is a serious one and I will be giving it a lot of thought. It would be one of the other versions of the title." Bruno said.

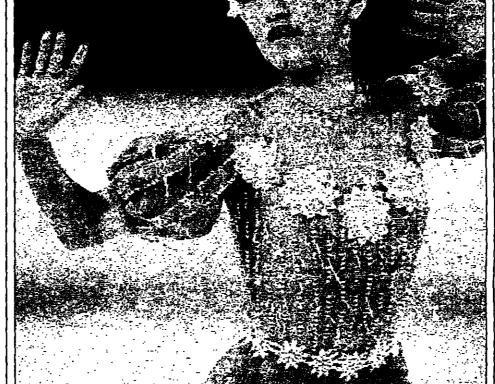
no concrete plans.

Meanwhile, he has been offered an immediate opportunity to contest the British heavyweight championship who is based in Brighton. An upbeat Welch, who overcame the challenge of Joe Bugner in six rounds at the weekend. said: "I am handing Frank a marvellous opportunity to say goodbye to his army of fans by having a shot at my title.

"It will be his chance to bow out on home turf, although it won't be as a winner. I have sparred with Frank in the past and know I would do a similar job on him to the one Tyson

Some experts remain unsure about whether Tyson, the former undisputed world champion, is yet back to full strength. Lou Duva, who has helped to train several champions in the United States. said: "Bruno didn't throw any punches. If you look close, Tyson was all elbows and forearms against him. I want to see when he gets hit on the chin what happens."

Telford, was confident yesterday that he would still be offered the chance to challenge for the WBC middleweight championship despite the defeat of Quincy Taylor by his challenger for the title. Keith Holmes, in Las Vegas at the weekend, Woodhall, the European champion, is the mandatory WBC challenger.



Midori Ito, of Japan, delights a crowd of 7,000 at the ice skating world championships in Edmonton on Monday night. Returning to international competition after a four-year break, Ito won qualifying group B to under-line her gold medal claims. Now 26, Ito retired after winning the silver medal at the 1992 Winter Olympic Games, saying that she had "burnt out". She remains one of only two women - the other is Tonya Harding - to perform a triple axel in a world championship. Ito was drawn to skate first on Monday, normally considered a disadvantage, but,

after a nervous start, in which she steened out of a triple axel and a triple salchow, she completed four other triple jumps. Second in Ito's group was Tara Lipinski, 13, of the United States, with Krisztina Czako, of Hungary, third. Stephanie Main, of Britain, qualified in twelfth position. Leading the qualifiers in group A was Maria Butryskaya. of Russia, the silver medal-winner at the European championships, with Yulia Vorobiejya, of Azerbaijan, second and Tanja Szewczenko, of Germany, third.

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Lomu flirts with plan to retire

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

JONAH LOMU, the New Zealand rugby union wing, said yesterday that he had thought about quitting the game to escape the pressures of media scrutiny, but had

decided against it. It was not a good day for the emotional player. He broke down in tears in a Wellington television studio as he said that his decision to exclude his parents from his secret marriage at the weekend was the hardest thing he had done and he also apologised for an incident with a television re-

Asked about reports that he was considering retirement. Lomu said quitting the game was "just a thought and that is all it was ... I am not leaving rugby. I definitely

Lomu, 20, said it was hard to explain the pressure he had been under since becoming rugby's most recognisable sporting face after his feats at the 1995 World Cup. "Every port I stop off at apart from the States, I just don't have time to myself. Everybody's always confronting me for different reasons ... I just need a little bit of space

sometimes." Lomu, who was born in Tonga, said being away from his family for extended periods made it difficult for him. "I can't concentrate on the rugby itself. All I want to do is put my head down and work on my game. I love my rugby. It's the No I reason why I stay with rugby. I love the people of

New Zealand itself, but I do need the space." Lornu married his South

African girlfriend. Tanya Rutter, 19, whom he met at the World Cup, in a civil ceremony on Sunday. When a Television New Zealand reporter, Kate Hawkesby, approached Lomu at training yesterday for confirmation of the wedding. Lomu swore and said: "Why don't you get a life, mate?" Later, Lomu angrily slapped away the television crew's microphone and cam-

era as he got into a car. Asked if he regretted the incident, Lomu replied: "I do. It was spur of the moment. I just lost it.

Told that his mother was very upset at being excluded from the wedding. Lonu choked back tears to say: "I am. too. She's the woman that brought me on to this earth and not to have her there was just the hardest thing. I felt they didn't really want me to do it, I was scared they wouldn't let me do it, but i found I was the legal age."

Phil Kingsley-Jones, Lomu's manager, told Radio New Zealand that the media's treatment of Lomu's marriage was the final straw. "The pressure is just too much, he can't have a life of his own. He's prepared to walk away from everything," he said. "He just feels he's living in a goldlish bowl and he can't handle it. He's really at a stage at the moment where he's prepared to chuck it all in. It's just too much for him."

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Montgomerie gains from losing John Hopkins and Bill Elliott on how

Torty years ago, a fat American began diet-ing and become ing and became the best golfer the world has seen in modern times. Now, a fat European has begun the same weight-reducing process with the express aim of winning

major championships.
Colin Montgomerie has fewer pounds to lose than Jack Nicklaus did all those years ago. Furthermore. Montgomerie's image and hairstyle have not contributed to a nickname as unpleasant as Nicklaus's at that time -Blob 0. Although an acerbic American journalist once said that there was not a fairway wide enough for Montgomerie and John Daly to walk up side by side, no one has done to Montgomerie what they did to Nicklaus when he was at his least popular and stood in the rough holding up a sign saying "hit it here, fat boy".

Montgomerie, nonetheless.

feels that to win more he has

to eat less. He lost 30lb during

the Winter and his reward was

to Win the Dubai Desert

Classic last Sunday, his first

Europe's No I has shed a heavy burden tournament after a lengthy

winter break and, as a result, move to second in the world rankings. His target is to lose at least another seven pounds. "I miss the chips, the pizzas and the rest, but I have been able to be disciplined because I have been at home for three months," Montgomerie said

yesterday at the Forest of Arden course, where he revealed he is to play in the English Open this year and the next two as well. "The fact is I've been putting on seven pounds a year for some time now and I just decided it was time it had to stop. I want to lose another half-stone before I start eating normally again." Montgomerie, who has al-

gomerie explained.

ways appeared to be supreme-ly confident, said he is even more so now that he has started to count his calories as well as his birdies. "I was already confident after finishing No I in Europe last season for the third time in succes-

sion, but losing the weight added to it," he said. "I just feel more comfort-

able and confident about my appearance now, not that I was embarrassed before, but the truth is I wasn't happy with my image, particularly some of the pictures taken when it's been very hot. Now I have a generally enhanced sense of well-being," Mont-

The local Oxfam shop near Montgomerie's home should have not only a sense of wellbeing, but also hundreds of shirts, sweaters and trousers that have been cast out by the new slimline golfer. This creates a wonderful mental image of someone who has no idea of how to play the game wearing the dothes that once belonged to one of the game's

best players. Nicklaus lost weight and grew his hair, in part in an attempt to work his way into the affection of the American



professional.

isfied with rather less. So far, only in play-offs in two recent

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Montgomerie: 30lb lighter

public, which, hitherto, had given its heart to Arnold Palmer. He achieved this and won 18 major titles as a Montgomerie would be sat-

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